

## RESOLUTION NO. 41-17

### A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DIANE RIDDERHOFF ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS PARKS OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

**WHEREAS,** Diane Ridderhoff has provided over 23 years of service in the public sector; beginning her career with the City in 1994 as a Recreation Therapist; and

**WHEREAS,** during the course of her career with the City, Diane Ridderhoff served faithfully in Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on countless important projects, including the development of the Therapeutic Recreation Internship Program where thirty-one (31) interns have come through the program, development of the first and only Paralympic Sport Club in the Pikes Peak Region, formalized an Ability Awareness Training to help the community gain a better understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Diane Ridderhoff served as a board member for professional organizations, participated in multiple presentation panels discussing the topics of therapeutic recreation, disability, and inclusion and was recognized as the Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist of the Year for the state of Colorado by the Colorado Parks & Recreation Association in 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Services Division, the City Administration, and all of the citizens of the City of Colorado Springs have benefited from Diane Ridderhoff's exceptional generosity and dedication.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

That the City Council recognizes Diane Ridderhoff for her 23 years of service, leadership and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

That we thank Diane Ridderhoff for her dedication, commitment to critical community programs, and positive impact on not only the staff who worked for her and with her, but also the citizens within the community who participated programs she supported throughout her career.

That we congratulate Diane Ridderhoff on her retirement and a job well done.

That we wish her happiness and success in all her future ventures.

And further resolves that this document shall be read into record of the City of Colorado Springs as a tribute to Ms. Ridderhoff's service and the resolution presented to her.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

