

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 19

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLORADO SPRINGS'
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND
NEIGHBOR UP! MONTH IN COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, neighborhoods are the building blocks of communities, and one of the basic units of democracy in America; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs' Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO) is a local nonprofit organization that empowers neighbors within the Pikes Peak Region to take action in their communities through education and connection; and

WHEREAS, CONO works to achieve its vision of neighbors that are engaged in developing safe, healthy and thriving places to live; and

WHEREAS, CONO advocates for meaningful public process that ensures participation of neighborhoods, encourages neighbors and organizations to be inclusive and collaborative; and

WHEREAS, CONO grows the capacity of neighborhood leaders and connects people within and across neighborhoods to build relationships and share knowledge; and

WHEREAS, CONO's work to build social capital benefits the City of Colorado Springs by reducing its costs relating to public safety, taking on these roles with mostly private funds and a great deal of volunteer effort; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Region relies on CONO to help engage citizens to participate in their local government by coordinating programs such as the civic education series, with CONO, City staff, and the community; and

WHEREAS, CONO's fifth annual Neighbor Up! Month will take place during the month of September 2019, reducing barriers to connect neighbors across the region to learn about CONO's mission, build relationships and become more involved in their neighborhoods through use of neighborhood parks and block parties, civic dinners, and to raise funds for its important work.

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

Section 1. City Council hereby declares the month of September 2019 as Neighbor Up! month in Colorado Springs, and expresses its appreciation for CONO's

vital work in support of the City's neighborhoods and its citizens.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk