

RESOLUTION NO. ____-17

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2017
AS "CREEK WEEK" IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS**

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs is fortunate to have extensive and diverse natural resources, such as forests, grasslands, riparian areas, lakes, creeks and a wide variety of open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek watershed, including Fountain Creek, related wetlands, existing trails, and recreational facilities, is a unique watershed that is an important resource and asset to the residents and visitors of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District is partnering with the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities, El Paso County, Pueblo County, the Cities of Manitou Springs, Fountain, and towns of Monument and Green Mountain Falls, along with numerous community organizations to coordinate "Creek Week" which will encourage the protection, restoration and maintenance of the Fountain Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, this 9-day litter clean-up effort kicks off in Fountain Creek Regional Park on September 30th and runs through October 8th, 2017 throughout the watershed; and

WHEREAS, "Creek Week" programs and activities are designed to raise awareness about the littering issue within our watershed, to encourage organizations and individuals to collect litter and debris to make Fountain Creek and the watershed cleaner and safer; and

WHEREAS, businesses, churches, schools, non-profits, neighborhood associations, youth groups, service clubs and individuals are encouraged to form a "Creek Crew" to clean up at a "Creek Week" project site; and

WHEREAS, "Creek Week" litter removal activities will reduce pollution in our creeks and clogs in our waterways that can lead to flooding, provide for a safer drinking water supply, and enhance wildlife habitat and property values.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs that the week of September 30 – October 8, 2017 is hereby recognized as "Creek Week" in the City of Colorado Springs, and that City Council encourages citizens to help protect, restore and maintain our waterways by participating in "Creek Week" activities.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk