

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JULY 31, 2021 AS THE SESQUICENTENNIAL FOR THE  
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, General William Jackson Palmer, a Civil War hero and railroad magnate, established the City of Colorado Springs on July 31, 1871. Palmer used the area's enticing scenery, nearby mineral springs, and other amenities to attract residents to resort. He laid out the broad streets, hauled in 10,000 trees to make the city green and lush, and built lavish buildings with a European sense of style; and

WHEREAS, After the first stake was driven into the ground, General Robert Alexander Cameron delivered the following founding remark, "Assembled as we are, to initiate a new enterprise here in this beautiful valley and in the most delightful of all situations, it is well that on so important an occasion some simple ceremony like this should commemorate an event of so much importance;" and

WHEREAS, The City of Colorado Springs initially served as a destination for tens of thousands of health seekers hoping that the community's abundant sunshine and fresh air would cure tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 150 years, the City of Colorado Springs has grown to the 39<sup>th</sup> largest city in America, become home to United State Air Force Academy and many other important military installations, and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate our sesquicentennial, it is important to reflect on our past and dream of the great things this City can accomplish in the next 150 years.

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

Section 1. That City Council celebrates July, 31 2021 as the sesquicentennial for the City of Colorado Springs and asks all residents to join in all the related festivities.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 27th day of July, 2021.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk