

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 20

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2020 TO BE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM) EDUCATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

- WHEREAS,** Our nation ranks 24th in science and 38th in math worldwide, which threatens our ability to address the biggest problems our country will face in the future, such as energy, health, food supply, and water accessibility; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado Springs as well as the rest of Colorado is struggling with a severe shortage of skilled workers and had 15.3 job openings for every unemployed worker in STEM last year, and where nationally there is a 2.5 million STEM worker shortfall; and
- WHEREAS,** City Council recognizes and appreciates the rich abundance of Colorado Springs businesses, schools, and non-profits that build and sustain the levels of innovation that STEM industries demand today and in the future, including the 15 individual ones we have recognized in our 5 previous resolutions and the especially to the ones we have missed; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado Springs becomes the permanent home of United States Space Command, it will require a local civilian workforce of STEM educated engineers and scientist to help succeed in its mission to deter aggression and conflict, defend U.S. and allied freedom of action, deliver space combat power for the Joint/Combined force, and develop joint warfighters to advance U.S. and allied interests in, from, and through the space domain; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Colorado Springs supports the proposed telescope on the top of Pikes Peak consisting of a meter research-quality observatory telescope offering 600,000 annual visitors to the Peak an unmatched educational experience with public viewing and interpretive exhibits that celebrate astronomical and atmospheric research on the peak, past, present, and future. The Observatory can be visited by tourists during the day and operated remotely from Colorado Springs or other locations, day or night, supporting research and contributing to the education and research missions at the Air Force Academy, Colorado College, Denver University, and the University of Colorado
- WHEREAS,** City Council and Mayor of Colorado Springs recognizes and endorses all initiatives to facilitate local, state and national STEM education efforts; and

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

That August 2020 is hereby proclaimed Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education Month in the City of Colorado Springs and City Council calls upon the people of Colorado Springs to encourage the efforts of the City's schools, students, employers and citizens to explore the STEM fields build the skills that will propel our community into the future.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 11th day of August, 2020

Richard Skorman, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk