

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JOHN SUTHERS' TWO TERMS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS MAYOR OF COLORADO SPRINGS**

WHEREAS, John Suthers, a lifelong resident of Colorado Springs, having graduated from St. Mary's High School, attended the University of Notre Dame where he graduated magna cum laude, and continued on the University of Colorado where he earned a law degree, and during that time met and married Janet Gill, also from Colorado Springs, with whom he raised two children, Alison and Kate; and

WHEREAS, while living in Colorado Springs after law school Mayor Suthers served in the office of the Fourth Judicial District of Colorado and in private legal practice, until winning election as District Attorney, after which he continued a career in public service in elected and appointed positions to include United States Attorney for Colorado and Attorney General of Colorado; and since 2015 he has since served eight years as Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, as the second strong mayor of Colorado Springs has overseen the completion of four of the five City for Champions projects, to include Weidner Field, Robson Arena, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Museum, and the Hybl Sports Medicine and Performance Center while the fifth, the US Air Force Academy Visitors Center, is under construction; and

WHEREAS, John Suthers has convinced the voters of Colorado Springs to ban recreational marijuana sales, to extend both the Trails, Open Space and Parks and the Pikes Peak Regional Transit Authority taxes, and to approve taxes funding stormwater infrastructure and road maintenance (twice!); and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Suthers' leadership 50,000 jobs were created by the business community of Colorado Springs, the city's gross domestic product grew from thirty-two billion to forty-three billion, commercial air traffic doubled, downtown experienced a renaissance, the I-25 Gap was completed, and tireless efforts were taken to convince the Washington establishment to leave USSPACECOM in Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 he led the celebration of the city’s sesquicentennial by growing a beard, raising funds to build a new Summit House on Pikes Peak, planting trees and hosting a parade; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Suthers led with courage during mass shootings, windstorms, a worldwide pandemic, and social upheaval, guiding the community and City employees with compassion and seriousness during difficult circumstances and fostering an era of goodwill and cooperation with City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Suthers has many more accomplishments both public and personal, and is an example of how to be a good ancestor;

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

That City Council hereby expresses its deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for Mayor John Suthers eight years of dedicated service as Mayor of Colorado Springs and wishes him, along with his wife Janet, all the best in their future endeavors.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 9th day of May 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk