

RESOLUTION NO. 60-17

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION RECOGNIZING
MAY 7 – MAY 13, 2017 AS CITY CLERK WEEK

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs recognizes the importance of the services provided to our city by the City Clerk and all the dedicated public servants who work in the City Clerk's Office as integral to our local government and our community at large; and

WHEREAS, historically, the work and significance of City Clerks began before biblical times, during which they were known as the town's "Reminders" or "Remembrancers." Before writing came into use, their memory served as the public record. Indeed, the City Clerk is one the oldest of public servants in local government; and

WHEREAS, over the years, City Clerks have become the hub of government, the direct link between the inhabitants of their community and their government. The Clerk is the historian of the community; the recorded history of the city and its people are in their care; and

WHEREAS, in our community, the City Clerk serves as the official record keeper and custodian of the corporate seal of the city, agendas, minutes, ordinances, resolutions, election records, contracts and agreements, business licenses, and annexations; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and support of our City Clerk promotes the welfare and wellbeing of our entire city, keeping our civil society well informed and involved in local government, and allowing our local government to perform efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, eighty years ago Professor William Bennett Munro summed up the significance of City Clerks perfectly when he said "No other office in municipal service has so many contacts. It serves the mayor, the city council, the city manager (when there is one), and all administrative departments without exception. All of them call upon it, almost daily, for some service or information....it demands versatility, alertness, accuracy, and no end of patience. The public does not realize how many loose ends of city administration this office pulls together."

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

That City Council recognizes May 7-13 as City Clerk Week and appreciates and applauds the works of these employees and community partners.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:


Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk




Council President