

RESOLUTION NO. 139-17

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE  
COLORADO LOTTERY DIVISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
IN 2018

WHEREAS, Colorado voters provided for a statewide lottery, and subsequently adopted the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) amendment to the state constitution, which directs that lottery profits be used for parks, open space, wildlife, and outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly created a Lottery Division in the State Department of Revenue to administer the lottery and lottery profits, which are allocated to the GOCO Trust Fund, the Conservation Trust Fund, and the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, since 1992 the GOCO Trust Fund distributed over \$15,295,900 directly to Colorado Springs to connect families to the outdoors; improve local trails and parks, build outdoor recreation facilities, preserve natural resources, improve river access and quality and conserve wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, since 1983 the Conservation Trust Fund distributed over \$98,004,700 directly to Colorado Springs for acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites, capital improvements, and maintenance for recreational purposes on public sites; and

WHEREAS, since 1992 the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$215 million of lottery proceeds in support of Colorado's 42 state parks, funding parkland acquisition, development and operations, trail construction and maintenance, environmental education, youth and volunteer programs and stewardship and natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Lottery Division is critical to the administration of the GOCO program and the Division is set to expire unless extended by the General Assembly.


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

The Colorado Springs City Council strongly urges the General Assembly to approve legislation during its 2018 session to reauthorize the Colorado Lottery Division program until 2039.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
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Council President

ATTEST:

  
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk  
