

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLORADO SPRINGS' COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND NEIGHBOR UP! WEEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, neighborhoods are the building blocks of communities, and one of the basic units of democracy in America; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs' Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO) is a local nonprofit organization that protects and preserves neighborhoods within the Pikes Peak region by educating, assisting and encouraging their residents to help create strong, tolerant and diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, CONO addresses neighborhood issues and concerns and aids neighborhoods in working with government and public and private organizations to strengthen the public process and improve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, CONO's work to build the capacity, resources, and leadership in neighborhood associations and to represent the common needs and desires of neighborhoods benefits the City of Colorado Springs by reducing its costs relating to public safety, taking on these roles with mostly private funds and a great deal of volunteer effort; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County has committed funding to support CONO in 2015, and a Commissioner serves on CONO's Board of Directors, and City Council finds that such regional collaboration benefits the citizens of the City as well as their neighbors in El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, CONO's inaugural Neighbor Up! week will take place during the week of April 12-19, bringing together neighbors across the City and El Paso County to learn about CONO's mission, become more involved in their neighborhoods, and raise funds for its important work.

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

Section 1. City Council hereby declares the week of April 12-19, 2015 as Neighbor Up! week in Colorado Springs, and expresses its appreciation for CONO's vital work in support of the City's neighborhoods and its citizens.

Section 2. City Council hereby authorizes \$12,000 from City Council's budget to be paid to CONO in 2015 to support its significant work in our City, and looks forward to a more substantial partnership with CONO regarding possible financial support in future years.

Section 3. City Council hereby recommends the appointment, at CONO's request, of a Councilmember representative on CONO's Advisory Committee to represent City Council's interests in supporting and connecting with the City's neighborhoods.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk