

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 23

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF JAMES REID,  
OEM DIRECTOR, FOR HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY  
OF COLORADO SPRINGS AND THE PIKES PEAK  
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, James (Jim) Reid has served as Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM) Director since 2019, when the PPROEM, a partnership, regional agency between El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs, was formed; and

WHEREAS, Jim Reid joined the United State Air Force (USAF) in 1980 where he served on active-duty assignments, stationed in Germany, Arizona, California, South Korea, and Colorado, served as a first responder fire fighter to the terrorist bombing in 1981 on Ramstein Base, provided security during the return of our American hostages from Iran at Ramstein Air Base in 1981, responded to the 1985 terrorist attack on Rhein Main Air Base in Germany, and served as base Fire Chief in South Korea and in Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, after retirement from the USAF, Jim worked as the Fire Marshal for the City of Monument, and was appointed in 2003 as the Deputy Fire Marshal with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. In 2013, Jim was appointed to the Executive Director of Public Works at El Paso County where he worked until becoming PPROEM Director in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jim has an Associate in Applied Fire Science and Personnel Administration; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management, is a graduate of the Colorado Peace Officers Safety and Training certification program, and is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officers program from the U.S. Fire Administration at the National Fire Academy; and

WHEREAS, in his current position as the Director of PPROEM, during the recent worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, Jim's leadership unified PPROEM and El Paso County Public Health during the two year activation in their work with community partners, sister agencies, and local, state, and federal partners; and

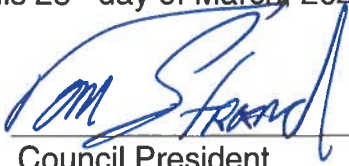
WHEREAS, Jim is a dedicated civil servant who is passionate about emergency management and public safety, his relationships, partner network, candor and professionalism have made him a proven leader and an exceptional representative of the Pikes Peak Region throughout the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, we wish Jim happiness and fulfillment in his future ventures which are sure to include travels and time with his family.


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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes James Reid for his years of leadership and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

