## RESOLUTION NO. 154 - 25

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 3-7, 2025 AS NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration has designated November 3 through November 7, 2025, as National Veterans Small Business Week, honoring the service members, veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserve, and military spouses who strengthen our communities and economy through entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, veteran-owned businesses within the City of Colorado Springs play an essential role in driving innovation, creating jobs, and contributing to the economic vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Colorado Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) at Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center provide vital resources, including business counseling, training, mentorship, and access to government contracting opportunities that empower veteran entrepreneurs to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the annual Veterans Small Business Conference, to be hosted on November 7, 2025 by the Pikes Peak SBDC and the Colorado VBOC, stands as the largest event of its kind in the state, bringing together veteran business owners, community leaders, and resource partners to exchange knowledge, foster innovation, and celebrate entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the City of Colorado Springs recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of veteran entrepreneurs, reaffirming our community's commitment to supporting their continued success and growth.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes November 3-7, 2025 as Veterans Small Business Week and encourages all residents, businesses, and community organizations to recognize and support the veterans and military spouses who continue to serve our nation through entrepreneurship.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 28th day of October, 2025.

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ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk