

RESOLUTION NO. 64-17

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT JUNE 26, 2017 AS WALDO CANYON FIRE COMMEMORATION DAY IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the Waldo Canyon Fire took place from June 23 – July 10, 2012, entering the City of Colorado Springs in the Mountain Shadows neighborhood on June 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, two members of the Colorado Springs community were killed in the fire; and

WHEREAS, over 18,000 acres of the Pike National Forest and City of Colorado Springs were burned, 347 homes destroyed and hundreds more damaged by the fire; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain Shadows neighborhood has rebuilt or has permits to build 316 homes; and

WHEREAS, the Waldo Canyon Fire Burn Scar has an approximately 70% revegetation rate; and

WHEREAS, all recovery has occurred as a result of millions of dollars in Federal, State, and local funding; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 hours of volunteer work has taken place to plant grasses and trees, stabilize mountain slopes, and help people find ways to rebuild their homes; and

WHEREAS, following the fire, the City participated in several multi-agency studies to determine best practices for managing the increased threat for flash flooding as a result of the burn scar; and

WHEREAS, together with several state and federal mitigation grants, the City of Colorado Springs invested approximately \$30 million to construct flood detention and channel stabilization along North and South Douglas creeks and Camp Creek to prevent debris and sediment from entering the city's stormwater system and reduce flooding concerns in western Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the combined efforts of the community and volunteer organizations have enabled the City of Colorado Springs to become more resilient to natural disasters and increase the feeling of community throughout the City.

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

Section 1. That City Council does hereby proclaim June 26, 2017 as WALDO CANYON FIRE COMMEMORATION DAY in the City of Colorado Springs, and in recognizing

this day, City Council urges all citizens and businesses to reflect on and remember the amazing efforts that went into fighting and recovering from the Waldo Canyon Fire.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 13th day of June, 2017.



Council President

ATTEST:



Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

