

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 23

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ART ON THE STREETS

WHEREAS, Art on the Streets was created 25 years ago through Downtown Ventures, a charitable nonprofit arm of Downtown Partnership, by Colorado Springs businesswomen Mary Jean Larson and Judy Noyes as a way to enliven Downtown Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, in its 25 years, Art on the Streets has brought nearly 300 works of art to the city center by artists from across the region, the state, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Art on the Streets is generously supported by many sponsors, foundations and individual donors, and the program sustains itself without taxpayer support; and

WHEREAS, Art on the Streets has been honored through the years with local, state, and national awards and recognition, and contributed to Downtown's designation as a State Certified Creative District; and

WHEREAS, Public art beautifies our city, encourages a walkable environment, lures new business and tourism, fosters dialogue and public engagement, and instills community pride; and

WHEREAS, Art on the Streets has contributed substantially to the City of Colorado Springs' permanent collection of public art through the program's purchase and donation to the City of more than 30 works of art, as well as the funds to maintain those works.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes the 25th Anniversary of Art on the Streets call upon our citizens to celebrate, explore, and enjoy the diversity and quality of public art in Downtown, to include the works in the 25th annual Art on the Streets exhibition launching this month.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 13th day of June, 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk