

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS, OLD COLORADO CITY AND MANITOU SPRINGS AS A LOCALLY-RECOGNIZED CREATIVE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, creative districts attract artists and cultural enterprises, encourage business and job development, preserve and reuse historic buildings while enhancing property values and fostering local cultural development; and

WHEREAS, with the Downtown Colorado Springs Creative District to the east and Manitou Springs Creative District to the west of Old Colorado City and the 1st Friday Art Walk shuttle, an opportunity exists to support and recognize a collaborative Creative Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Old Colorado City blends history with a shopping district featuring dozens of boutiques, restaurants, festivals and independently owned art galleries; and

WHEREAS, Old Colorado City supports over 400 artists and offers over 15 galleries with local and regional art, with some showcasing open-air studios where visitors can watch artists and jewelers at work; and

WHEREAS, the district's 1st Friday Art Walk has awed and inspired locals, who enjoy annual events and festivals celebrating art, history, music, culture and community; and

WHEREAS, with murals on structures and stores wedged between buildings, art and innovation is not confined to shops alone, but located throughout the design and charm of the historic gold rush city.

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

Section 1. City Council recognizes Downtown Colorado Springs, Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs as a Creative Corridor in the Pikes Peak Region, which cultivates art while encouraging community and allowing culture to flourish.

Section 2. City Council hereby acknowledges and celebrates the contributions to the City of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region made by this Creative Corridor.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

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