RESOLUTION NO. _____-18

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION DESIGNATING APRIL 15th THROUGH 21st, 2018 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, April 15th through April 21st is designated as National Volunteer Week to celebrate ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs benefits from thousands of citizen volunteers who support a wide variety of programs including the Colorado Springs Airport Ambassadors Program; the Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS); the many programs offered through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; and the Adopt-A-Waterway Program including Creek Week; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Colorado Springs Airport had over 50 volunteers contribute nearly 4,500 hours of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, in the Community Advancing Public Safety program (CAPS), 450 volunteers provided over 68,500 hours of civic engagement to advance public safety; and

WHEREAS, in the Water Resources Engineering Division waterways programs, 3,750 volunteers contributed 11,250 hours and removed almost 50 tons of litter from our community's waterways to improve water quality and beautify our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, over 3,000 volunteers contributed more than 136,000 hours of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, this level of effort, calculated at the latest state volunteerism rate of $25.97 per hour, equaled over $5.7 million dollars in service to the community in 2017.

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

Section 1.   That City Council designates April 15th through 21st as National Volunteer Week and urges our citizens to volunteer. In addition, City Council asks everyone to recognize, support and commend those who already volunteer and help make our community an amazing place to live, work and play.

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

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Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk