

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION DESIGNATING APRIL 21st
THROUGH 27th, 2024 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

- WHEREAS, April 21st through 27th 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 2023 the Colorado Springs Airport had 55 volunteers contribute 1,258 hours of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS, in Public Safety's Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS), volunteers provided 40,394 hours of civic engagement to advance public safety; and
- WHEREAS, in the Stormwater Enterprise waterways programs, 248 volunteers removed over 6 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 6,700 volunteers contributed more than 138,109 hours of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS, this level of effort, calculated at the latest state volunteerism rate of \$34.36 per hour, equaled over \$6.1 million dollars in service to the community in 2023.

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

The City Council designates April 21st through 27th 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 9th day of April, 2024.

Randy Helms, City Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk