

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE FRIENDS OF CHEYENNE CAÑON FOR THEIR 25-YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

- WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon was established in 1992 and is commemorating its 25th Anniversary; and
- WHEREAS, the mission of the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon is to preserve, protect and enhance the naturel, scenic, cultural, and historic resources of North Cheyenne Cañon Park through promoting public awareness, stewardship activities, repair and restoration of trails, and community events; and
- WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon managed retail operations at the two visitor centers from 2003-2014 generating \$108,000 that was reinvested in North Cheyenne Cañon Park; and
- WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon has supported educational nature programming and supplemented City funding for seasonal staffing of two visitor centers; and
- WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon is committed to visitor safety by repairing and restoring trails and installing safety fencing; and
- WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon spearheaded the effort to have North Cheyenne Cañon Park named in 2010 to the National Register of Historic Places; and
- WHEREAS, since 1992 the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon has invested \$600,000 in the preservation and enhancement of North Cheyenne Cañon Park raised through fundraising, donations, memberships, partnerships, and grants; and
- WHEREAS, since 1992 the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon has contributed 132,900 hours of volunteer hours on behalf of North Cheyenne Cañon Park - equivalent to \$3,056,700; and
- WHEREAS, the collaborative partnership between the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon and the City of Colorado Springs is truly an exemplary model of cooperation that benefits both the community and the hundreds of thousands of users who visit North Cheyenne Cañon Park each year.

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

That the City Council of Colorado Springs expresses gratitude to the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon for their immense and important contributions made to North Cheyenne Cañon Park and the City of Colorado Springs. In addition, the City Council is appreciative of the continued commitment of the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon to ensure that North Cheyenne Cañon Park remains a community treasure for future generations.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 23rd day of May, 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk