RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 23

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION DESIGNATING APRIL 16th THROUGH 22nd, 2023 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

- WHEREAS, April 16th through 22nd 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 2022 the Colorado Springs Airport had 32 volunteers contribute 2,544 hours of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS, in Public Safety's Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS), volunteers provided over 51,000 hours of civic engagement to advance public safety; and
- WHEREAS, in the Stormwater Enterprise waterways programs, 690 volunteers contributed more than 1,300 hours and removed over 14 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 2,000 volunteers contributed more than 128,000 hours of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS, this level of effort, calculated at the latest state volunteerism rate of \$29.95 per hour, equaled over \$5.5 million dollars in service to the community in 2022.

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

Section 1. That the City of Colorado Springs designates April 16th through 22nd as National Volunteer Week and urges our citizens to volunteer.

Section 2. 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 11th day of April 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah. B. Johnson, Cipe Clerk EMBER 3.18