RESOLUTION NO. 43-18

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ENDORSE ACHIEVEMENT OF ACCREDITATION THE COLORADO **SPRINGS** POLICE DEPARTMENT, SPRINGS COLORADO FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND SPRINGS OFFICE OF **EMERGENCY** COLORADO MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management are dedicated to excellence and to the safety of our residents;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that these agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of service and response;

WHEREAS, accreditation is a means of demonstrating that each program adheres to the highest national standards;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs Police Department's accrediting body is the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA);

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs Fire Department's accrediting body is the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI);

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management's accrediting body is the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP);

WHEREAS, each agency has voluntarily sought accreditation by their respective accrediting bodies and submitted to a thorough examination of their programs;

WHEREAS, each assessment entailed rigorous program of evaluation, documentation and a site assessment by team of peers to verify compliance with standards;

WHEREAS, each agency had a peer-reviewed report submitted to their appropriate Commission for review and final recommendation;

WHEREAS, accreditation offers independent verification and validation of each programs' operations and demonstrates that these agencies have met and are committed to industry best practices; and

WHEREAS, each agency has been successful in achieving accreditation by their respective accrediting body.

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

Section 1. That the Colorado Springs City Council, does hereby acknowledge and endorse this impressive achievement by Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado Springs Fire Department, and Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 8th day of May, 2018.

Council President

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