## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 3 AS CREEK WEEK 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs is fortunate to have extensive and diverse natural resources, such as forests, grasslands, riparian areas, lakes, creeks and a wide variety of open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed is a unique and important resource and asset to the residents and visitors of Fountain and the Pikes Peak Region; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District is partnering with the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Pueblo County, the Cities of Manitou Springs, Fountain, and towns of Monument and Green Mountain Falls, and numerous community organizations to coordinate the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Creek Week" cleanup, which will encourage the protection, restoration and maintenance of the Fountain Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, this 9-day litter clean-up effort runs September 25th through October 3th, 2021 throughout the watershed and is now the largest cleanup effort in our State; and

WHEREAS, "Creek Week" programs and activities are designed to raise awareness about the littering issue within our watershed, to encourage organizations and individuals to collect litter and debris to make Fountain Creek and the watershed cleaner and safer; and

WHEREAS, businesses, churches, schools, non-profits, neighborhood associations, youth groups, service clubs and individuals are encouraged to form a "Creek Crew" to clean up at a "Creek Week" project site; and

WHEREAS, "Creek Week" litter removal activities will reduce pollution in our creeks and clogs in our waterways that can lead to flooding, provide for a safer drinking water supply, and enhance wildlife habitat and property values.

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

Section 1. That City Council hereby proclaim the September 25 – October 3, 2021,

as "Creek Week" in Found Creek Watershed and encourages our citizens to help protect,

restore, and maintain our waterways by participating in "Creek Week" activities.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 14th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:

**Council President** 

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk