

RESOLUTION NO. _____-23

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ENDORSE THE IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT OF ACCREDITATION BY THE PIKES PEAK REGIONAL OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City and the County consolidated their respective Offices of Emergency Management to create the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management on January 22, 2019, for the purpose of establishing a cooperative interjurisdictional disaster agency to serve the people of the County and the City in the event of a natural or human-caused disaster;

WHEREAS, The Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management is dedicated to excellence and to the safety of our residents by providing mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and coordination for large-scale emergencies and disasters, saving lives and preventing property damage;

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

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management's accrediting body is the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP);

WHEREAS, EMAP, an independent globally recognized non-profit organization, applies credible standards through a thorough peer review process.

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management has voluntarily sought accreditation and submitted to a thorough examination of its program;

WHEREAS, accreditation offers independent verification and validation of the programs' operations and demonstrates that this agency has met and is committed to industry best practices; and

WHEREAS, the assessment entailed rigorous program of evaluation, documentation and a site assessment by team of peers to verify compliance with all sixty-six industry-recognized standards;

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management had a comprehensive peer-reviewed report submitted to the Emergency Management Accreditation Program Commission for review and final approval;

WHEREAS, Accreditation recognizes the ability of programs to bring together personnel, resources, and communications from a variety of agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to a disaster of any type;

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management are dedicated to excellence and are nationally accredited programs;

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management has been granted full accreditation by Emergency Management Accreditation Program.

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 Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk