

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 24

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WESTSDIE CARES 40 YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE PIKES PEAK REGION

WHEREAS, in 1984 Westside CARES was officially recognized as a tax-exempt nonprofit on the west side of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES is an interfaith organization powered by hundreds of volunteers, 24 member faith communities, and over 1,000 individual donors to create lasting change in the region; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES has, over the last 40 years continuously served people experiencing poverty and homelessness in the Colorado Springs community; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES occupies a unique position in our local safety net in collaboration with our other vital human service organizations, providing trauma-informed, low-barrier, and person-first solutions to individuals and families needing community support; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES recognizes the importance of long-term, trusting relationships in creating lasting change at the individual and collective level; and

WHEREAS, during its tenure Westside CARES has served over 100,000 individuals in our community and deployed over \$10m of in-kind and tangible supports to our community's most vulnerable members; and

WHEREAS, the preventative and remedial services Westside CARES provides create transformation in individual lives and engender community vibrancy through opportunities for self-actualization; and

WHEREAS, preventative and remedial services provided in the private nonprofit sector save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and enhance the economic vitality of the Pikes Peak region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs affirms the innate dignity of every human being and supports community-based organizations that advance the goals of individuals and the collective community.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes Westside Cares invaluable contributions to our community and celebrates their 40 years of service.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk