

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 25

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944

WHEREAS, June 6th 2025 will mark the 81st anniversary of Operation Overlord, also known as D-Day, the largest seaborne invasion in history; and

WHEREAS, on that day 81 years ago 156,000 allied troops landed on the enemy held beaches of Normandy France; and

WHEREAS, also on that day 2,501 American men gave their lives for their country, and allied forces suffered more than 10,300 casualties (killed, wounded, or missing); and

WHEREAS, the 4th Infantry Division, which is stationed at Fort Carson, landed on Utah Beach, led by the 56-year-old assistant Division Commander, Theodore Roosevelt III, the son of the 26th President of the United States, Teddy Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Infantry Division suffered 197 casualties but rapidly fought inland to relieve the isolated 82nd Airborne which had parachuted in the night before; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs is home to an estimated 90,000 military veterans and five military installations; and

WHEREAS, there are still an estimated 61,000 American World War II veterans with us today (of the 16 million who served during World War II); and

WHEREAS, D-Day is considered a turning point in World War II, as it marked the beginning of the Allied liberation of Western Europe.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes the 81st Anniversary of D-Day and urges the citizens of Colorado Springs to remember and honor those who fought, sacrificed, and gave their lives for their nation 81 years ago in the largest seaborne invasion in history.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 27th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

Council President, Lynette Crow-Iverson

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk