

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 269

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JAMES KELLER

WHEREAS, the City has benefitted greatly from the dedicated service of James Keller, Evidence Technician, Police Department - Impound Lot, for the past 36 years; and

WHEREAS, James Keller began his tenure with the Colorado Springs Police Department on January 17, 1989 as a Police Impound Lot Attendant. In 1991 he was promoted to a Supply Clerk, in 1992 he was promoted to an Evidence Custodian Assistant, and in 1999 he was promoted to a Senior Evidence Technician. In 2009, the Senior Evidence Technician position was eliminated, and he spent the remainder of his career serving in the Evidence/Impound Section as an Evidence Technician; and

WHEREAS, his contributions and efforts resulted in being presented multiple awards. He received three Certificates of Appreciation, one ACE Award, one Written Commendation, two Commander's Commendations, and letters of appreciation; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, he assisted the Colorado Springs Fire Department and the Colorado Urban Search and Rescue Team with a mobilization exercise; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, following the September 11th terrorist attack, he partnered with the 100 Club and contributed to fundraising efforts for the families of fallen police officers and firefighters in New York City, resulting in \$300,000 in aid being sent; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, James collaborated with the City to provide bicycles for Hurricane Katrina victims; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, he initiated the redesign of the impound tracking system to improve functionality and efficiency, and in 2024, he facilitated a VIN restoration class for his peers, sharing his expertise and promoting skill development within the team; and

WHEREAS, James often evaluated processes to improve efficiencies and identify innovative, unconventional solutions. His effective leadership, candid communication, and wealth of knowledge led to multiple appointments as acting supervisor; and

WHEREAS, he was efficient, determined, meticulous, a team player, a humanitarian, and a dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, he consistently went the extra mile, ambitiously helping citizens find closure and resolution, driven by his initiative and dedication to bringing them peace; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate his dedication, commitment, informal leadership, mentorship, and stewardship of taxpayer dollars throughout his years of service to the Colorado Springs Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes him happiness and success in all his future ventures.

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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes James Keller for his 36 years of service, informal leadership, and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 10th day of June, 2025

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk