

RESOLUTION NO. 25-422

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR BRIAN KATES

WHEREAS, the City has benefitted greatly from the dedicated service of Brian Kates, Parks Operations Administrator, for the past 30 years. Brian began his career with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department in 1994, operating the Therapeutic Recreation Companion Program, matching adult volunteers in the community with program participants with disabilities. In 1995, Brian managed the teen programs at the West Center for Intergenerational Learning, which is now part of West Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, he truly found his place and his purpose as the director of the Meadows Park Community Center, managing both the programs and the facility itself. Even with a total of five position title changes throughout his time there, his goals and commitment were always the same – to serve the community and the people in it to the best of his ability; and

WHEREAS, Brian's three decades of work are filled with highlights of the services provided and the people positively impacted. Just a few programming highlights include hosting 132 Friday night Teen Night dances with an average attendance of 175 youth, conducting 38 Blue Moon Trail Run races with proceeds benefiting community center programming, and establishing the annual 10th Mountain Division Hut trip which involved taking 10 to 12 middle school and high school aged youth on a backcountry overnight experience; and

WHEREAS, there is no better illustration of Brian's belief that there is always a way to overcome adversity than his collaboration with community members to create the Collaborative Community Partnership Model during 2010 which operated on the premise that community stakeholders could work hand in hand with government operations to achieve common goals and services while operating on a limited budget. This effort was recognized in 2012 by the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association with an award for Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation; and

WHEREAS, Brian's commitment to the field of park and recreation and its many benefits has gone far beyond the City with his work in establishing the state-wide Colorado Public Health Parks and Recreation Collaborative which focuses on improving community health through education, discussion and project collaboration with like-minded professionals; and

WHEREAS, we truly appreciate his dedication, commitment, leadership, and mentorship given to the community throughout his years of service to the City; and

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

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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes Brian Kates for his 30 years of service, leadership, and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 26th day of August, 2025

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk