## **RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 25**

## A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION DESIGNATING APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> THROUGH 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

- WHEREAS, April 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> is designated as National Volunteer Week to celebrate ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve communities across the nation; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs benefits from thousands of citizen volunteers who support a wide variety of programs including the Colorado Springs Airport Ambassadors Program; the Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS); the many programs offered through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; and the Adopt-A-Waterway Program including Creek Week; and
- WHEREAS, in 2024 the Colorado Springs Airport had 51 volunteers contribute 2,856 hours of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS, in Public Safety's Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS), volunteers provided 41,400 hours of civic engagement to advance public safety; and
- WHEREAS, in the Stormwater Enterprise waterways programs, 904 volunteers removed over 28.9 tons of litter from our community's waterways to improve water quality and beautify our neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS, in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, over 3,884 volunteers contributed more than 123,067 hours of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS, this level of effort, calculated at the latest state volunteerism rate of \$36.36 per hour, equaled over \$6.1 million dollars in service to the community in 2024.

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

The City Council designates April 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> as National Volunteer Week and urges our citizens to volunteer. In addition, City Council asks everyone to recognize, support and commend those who already volunteer and help make our community an amazing place to live, work and play.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

