

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES, AS AN ADDITION TO THE CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK THROUGH THE TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS (TOPS) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs ("City") Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, through its Trails, Open Space and Parks Program ("TOPS"), has identified a parcel of land near the Cheyenne Mountain State Park as an important asset for acquisition and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs Park System Master Plan identifies the parcel as within an Open Space Candidate Area; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has negotiated the acquisition of the parcel, which is identified as Tax Schedule Number 75000-00-151, is depicted on **Exhibit A** ("Property"), and is currently owned by Morris Lopez and Jonathan Graham (the "Seller"); and

WHEREAS, the Property includes unique natural and recreational resources including panoramic views of the City, scenic mountain terrain, rich wildlife habitat and the ability to provide trail connections; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this Property is in the public interest because it provides an extension of the Cheyenne Mountain State Park on the City of Colorado Springs' western boundary and protects existing open space assets; and

WHEREAS, the City has obtained an appraisal for the Property that supports the purchase price of \$160,000.00 for 40 acres.

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

Section 1. City Council finds the acquisition of the Property for open space purposes to be in the best interest of the citizens of Colorado Springs.

Section 2. Pursuant to the City of Colorado Springs Procedural Manual for the Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property Interests, Revised 2021 ("Real Estate Manual"), Sections 4.1 and 9.6, City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition of the Property for fair market value.

Section 3. In accord with the Real Estate Manual, the City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition of the Property for the purchase price of \$160,000.00.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

