

RESOLUTION NO. _____-23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 9 AS CREEK WEEK 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs is fortunate to have extensive and diverse natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed is a unique and important asset to the residents of and visitors to the City of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed District is a proud partner and collaborator with its member governments; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed District is celebrating the 10th Annual "Creek Week" cleanup, which offers volunteers the opportunity to protect, steward and maintain the Fountain Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, "Creek Week" is a litter clean-up, education and restoration effort throughout the watershed set for September 30th through October 8th, 2023, the LARGEST cleanup event in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 volunteers have removed over 135 tons of trash during "Creek Week" over the past 9 years during this impactful program; and

WHEREAS, "Creek Week" litter removal and restoration activities will continue to reduce pollution in our creeks and our connecting waterways, manage flooding, provide for a safer drinking water supply, and enhance wildlife habitat and property values.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes September 30 – October 8, 2023, as "10th Annual Creek Week" in Colorado Springs and invite our citizens to help protect, restore and maintain our waterways by participating in the many activities, programs and events. City Council encourage businesses, churches, schools, non-profits, neighborhood associations, youth groups, service clubs and individuals to form "Creek Crews" to volunteer their hearts and hands to this effort.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 26th day of September, 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk