

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 24

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AT THE NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND

WHEREAS, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is the first line of defense in protecting the United States and Canada from attack from all approaches through aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning for North America. The commander is appointed by, and is responsible to, both the U.S. President and the Canadian Prime Minister; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1958, both countries established NORAD as a binational command, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to centralize operational control of continental air defenses against the threat of Soviet bombers. While the threats to North America have evolved, Canadian Armed Forces members continue to serve alongside US service members to defend the homelands 24/7 with the motto "We have the watch,"; and

WHEREAS, for over 66 years, Canadian Armed Forces members have served at NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs, accompanied by their families. There are approximately 150 Canadian Armed Forces members from all services (Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army) currently posted to NORAD at Peterson Space Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, NORAD has one additional no-fail mission: tracking Santa Claus as he makes his way across the globe delivering presents to children. NORAD Tracks Santa is a global experience and the U.S. and Canadian personnel of NORAD are proud to continue the tradition of delighting families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, trackers worldwide can call 1-877-HI-NORAD to ask live operators about Santa's location from 6 a.m. to midnight MST.

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

Section 1. The City Council recognizes the Canadian Armed Forces at the North American Aerospace Defense Command and thanks them for their continued service in keeping us safe and protected.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 10th day of December, 2024.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk