

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$1,660,000 TOWARD PHASE ONE OF THE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PARK PROJECT AND AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPRINGS IN BLOOM FLOWER BED ADOPTION PROGRAM FROM EL POMAR FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, El Pomar Foundation is a general-purpose foundation that provides grants to make Colorado a better place; and

WHEREAS, El Pomar Foundation works with the City of Colorado Springs in investing in community livability and creating a sense of community that will add to community life and strengthen economic viability; and

WHEREAS, El Pomar Foundation has recently awarded grant funds to further the effort of creating a sense of community through the development of America the Beautiful Park and the continued support of the Springs In Bloom Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, a master plan was developed for the 21-acre America the Beautiful Park site. Construction on the site began in 2003 and was completed in 2004. Along with a bond issue in 1998, El Pomar Foundation was key in providing significant funds including a partial payment in 2005 of \$1,660,000 towards phase one construction of the Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Springs In Bloom program is continuing to provide an opportunity for individuals, families, service organizations and businesses to adopt 77 City flower beds to include planting City-provided flowers and then maintaining them throughout the 2005 growing season; and

WHEREAS, El Pomar has donated \$10,000 toward continuation of the Springs In Bloom program to include purchasing plant materials, creating signage and providing safety vests for each of the volunteer adopter groups; and

WHEREAS, these contributions have benefited both citizens and visitors alike through the beauty and color in medians throughout the City and through the opening of our community's premier downtown amenity, America the Beautiful Park.

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

That City Council hereby accepts this gift of \$1,660,000 toward the construction of America the Beautiful Park and \$10,000 for the Springs In Bloom flower bed adoption program. The City Council also expresses its gratitude to El Pomar Foundation for its continued generosity and support of the Colorado Springs community.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of August, 2005.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE DONATION OF VOLUNTEER TIME TO PARTICIPATE AS A JUDGE IN THE SECOND ANNUAL SPRINGS IN BLOOM FLOWER BED COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs City Council, the Gazette and the Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department partnered to develop the Springs In Bloom flower bed adoption program; and

WHEREAS, Springs In Bloom is a program whereby individuals, families, service organizations and businesses may adopt one of 77 City flower beds to include planting flowers as well as maintaining the completed bed throughout the 2005 growing season; and

WHEREAS, All 77 flower beds were adopted by 68 individuals and groups; and

WHEREAS, To recognize the adopters' time and effort, a Springs In Bloom flower bed competition was held to determine the beds that had achieved the highest levels of color, maintenance and overall appearance; and

WHEREAS, Jane Fiore from the Skyway Garden Club and Elsie Pope from the Horticultural Art Society volunteered their time to serve as judges for the second annual Springs In Bloom flower bed competition; and

WHEREAS, A total of 15 flower beds were deemed finalists in the competition and three were bestowed Golden Trowel awards for being the best in their categories.

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

That City Council expresses gratitude to Ms. Fiore and Ms. Pope for donating their time in support of the Springs In Bloom flower bed adoption program.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of August, 2005.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR PHILLIP H. TOLLEFSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES

- WHEREAS,** Phil Tollefson began his service to the citizens of Colorado Springs in 1982 as manager of water resources and planning and advanced to the position of chief executive officer; and
- WHEREAS,** Phil's 34 years of utilities experience include overseeing electric, natural gas, water and wastewater services, a \$950 million operating budget and \$2.4 billion in assets; and
- WHEREAS,** During his tenure, Phil oversaw the addition of a gas-fired electric plant and water and wastewater treatment plants, expansion of the City's trans-mountain water supply system, numerous conservation programs, increased water recycling, and long-range power and water supply plans; and
- WHEREAS,** Phil created a positive work environment for Colorado Springs Utilities' 2,000 employees and developed an active employee volunteer program; and
- WHEREAS,** Phil encouraged greater public participation in utilities decision-making processes and earned the Leadership Pikes Peak's Community Trustee Award; and
- WHEREAS,** Phil has also served our community as a board member of the Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce, as a committee member for CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, and as a member of local and national professional associations, including the American Water Works Association, American Public Power Association and Midwest Gas Association; and
- WHEREAS,** Phil leaves Colorado Springs Utilities in an excellent financial and operational position, as evidenced by superior bond ratings, customer satisfaction, service reliability, customer-service awards and competitive rates.

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

That City Council commends Phil Tollefson for his 23 years of hard work and service to the citizens of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region.

That City Council thanks Phil for his unfailing honesty and integrity in conducting business.

That City Council congratulates Phil on his retirement, and wishes him success in his future ventures.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of August 2005.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SCOTT REIMAN
FOR BEING CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE 9TH DISTRICT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF)
AT THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION (MDA)
2005 TELETHON

WHEREAS, Scott Reiman is to be congratulated on being chosen to represent the 9th District of the International Fire Fighters (IAFF) at the 2005 MDA Telethon for his outstanding efforts in raising money for the Association; and

WHEREAS, Scott Reiman’s strong leadership and energy combined with the efforts of the men and women of the IAFF helped to place the 9th District among the top performers in the region; and

WHEREAS, the 9th District includes Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Nevada and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, as the sole representative of the 9th District, Scott Reiman has earned the privilege and esteemed opportunity to travel to Los Angeles to participate in the Telethon with Jerry Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Scott’s hard work, diligence and “can-do” attitude as the Fill the Boot coordinator helped the Colorado Springs Fire Department become the second highest grossing department in the state; and

WHEREAS, Scott Reiman helped coordinate the very successful Chili Cook-off and Rum Bay night that boosted numbers well above previous years; and

WHEREAS, through the tireless efforts of Scott Reiman and other local firefighters, close to \$62,000 was raised; and

WHEREAS, Scott Reiman has shown his personal commitment to the organization by volunteering as a MDA Summer Camp counselor for two years and has continued to coordinate activities and events for the association for four years.

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

That City Council hereby recognizes Scott Reiman for his leadership, dedication to the community, and commitment to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Colorado Springs Fire Department and the International Association of Firefighters.

That leadership, like Scott Reiman's, is prevalent in this community and has far-reaching bounds. Leaders, like Scott, represent our community well locally and across the nation. They also inspire others to become active members of their communities.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of August 2005.

Lionel Rivera
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Young
City Clerk