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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADAMS COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT TO PERMANENTLY EXTEND THE EXISTING ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE SALES TAX

WHEREAS, the Adams County open space sales tax was approved by voters in 1999 to create an Open Space Program for the purpose of preserving open space and creating and maintaining parks and recreation facilities;

WHEREAS, Adams County determined it was in the public interest and desirable to the residents of the County to preserve open space in order to limit sprawl, to preserve farmland, to protect wildlife areas, wetlands, rivers and streams, and for creating, improving and maintaining parks and recreation facilities;

WHEREAS, in 2004, voters approved an increase to the tax from one-fifth of one percent to one-fourth of one percent, and extended the sales tax through 2026 to preserve land that protects water quality; protect wildlife areas, wetlands, rivers and streams; protect open space to limit sprawl; and for creating, improving, and maintaining parks, trails, and recreation facilities;

WHEREAS, since the initial passage of the tax, Adams County has provided funding to jurisdictions through a shareback program, which distributes 30% of the tax revenues to cities, towns, and unincorporated areas to use for open space and parks and recreation projects;

WHEREAS, the Adams County Open Space Program provides for a 68% Grant Fund, which is funded by open space sales tax revenues and supports a competitive grant process for additional funding opportunities for eligible parks and open space projects, which increase the quality of life for residents;

WHEREAS, revenue from the open space sales tax has provided funding for more than 538 projects, totaling more than \$212 million dollars invested into parks and open space for residents to enjoy across Adams County;

WHEREAS, the need to protect water quality and conserve open space becomes more critical as growth continues in Adams County and more land becomes urbanized;

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn will receive approximately \$370,000 in Adams County open space sales tax revenue in 2020, and several City projects have been funded by the tax, including the Northwest Open Space Improvements, Kiwanis Bath House Replacement, Rotary Park Dugouts, E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park Playground Improvements, and tennis court renovations;

WHEREAS, Adams County Ballot Issue 1A does not increase taxes, and, if approved by voters, will extend the existing one-fourth of one percent open space sales tax permanently to provide necessary funding to preserve land that protects water quality, conserve open space, and provide parks and recreation facilities for the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS, an Adams County Citizen Advisory Commission and an annual independent audit, included in the Open Space Program, ensures the funds are used only for the purposes as provided in Ballot Issue 1A;

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn has realized the benefits of the Adams County Open Space Program and the open space sales tax, and supports the County's request to extend the sales tax to further conserve open space and improve parks and recreation facilities for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-45-117(1)(b)(III) of the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act authorizes the adoption of this Resolution and reporting the passage of or distributing this Resolution by established, customary means, other than paid advertising, through which the City of Northglenn's resolutions are regularly provided to the public.

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Northglenn, Colorado formally expresses its support for Adams County Ballot Issue 1A and for the reasons set forth in this Resolution urges voters to vote in favor of the ballot issue at the November 3, 2020 Election.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney