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## COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION NO.** 

No. <u>CR-157</u> Series of 2024

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS BALLOT ISSUES 5D AND 5E

WHEREAS, high-quality public education is critical to fostering a vibrant community and social and economic prosperity, preparing young people for the workforce, developing future leaders, and furthering public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools (Adams 12) provides public education to around 36,000 students, including Northglenn residents; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 is facing increasing demands with respect to operations and facilities and diminishing or flattening funding sources; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding for operations and facilities is essential for Adams 12 to provide a high-quality education to its students; and

WHEREAS, the last Adams 12 voter-approved funding measure was passed in 2018; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2024, the Adams 12 Board of Education unanimously approved placing an \$830 million bond measure for facilities and an 8.129 mill levy increase to raise \$34.5 million for operations on the November 5, 2024 election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the bond measure would enable Adams 12 to invest in improving school safety; replacing aging roofs, heating, cooling, and plumbing systems; repairing and improving school grounds; rebuilding and modernizing aging schools; and expanding career and technical education facilities; and

WHEREAS, the mill levy override would allow Adams 12 to ensure a high-quality education and attract and retain top-tier talent, including by providing more competitive salaries; expand access to more special classes for elementary students, including computer science at all schools; and provide hands-on courses, such as architectural design, aviation, and engineering that equip students with skills aligned with emerging industries, as well as exploratory career and technical education classes for middle school grades, allowing students to discover interests in business and entrepreneurship, computer science, robotics, and digital arts, family and consumer sciences, pre-engineering, and construction trades; and

WHEREAS, strong schools contribute to a strong community, and the investments proposed in Ballot Issues 5D and 5E will benefit students, families, educators, and the broader Northglenn community for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes the approval of these measures is essential to ensure the continued excellence of our local schools and to provide our students with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Council expresses its support for Adams 12 Five Star Schools Ballot Issue 5D, an \$830 million bond measure for facilities, and Ballot Issue 5E, an 8.129 mill levy increase that would generate \$34.5 million for District operations and urges voters to vote in favor of the ballot issues at the November 5, 2024 election.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN City Attorney