

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND RECOGNITION OF 30 YEARS OF VOTER-
SUPPORTED PARKS, TRAILS, HISTORIC RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE
SALES TAX FUND AND SEPTEMBER AS PARKS, TRAILS, HISTORIC
PROPERTY AND OPEN SPACE APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, for three decades, Douglas County voters have been supporting the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open Space Fund with a dedicated 0.17% sales and use tax. Voters most recently passed an extension of the tax with 87.6% in support.

WHEREAS, thanks to the public's investment in these funds, the Parks Division has been able to purchase six new fields, convert several others to synthetic turf, add miles of trails to parks and contribute \$1.75 million to Rueter-Hess Reservoir for upkeep and recreational opportunities. Continued public support allows the Parks Department to maintain over 77 miles of trails and more than 6,300 acres, welcoming an estimated 2 million visitors to properties annually for sports, activities and recreation.

WHEREAS, thanks to the public's investment, the County has been able to purchase several historic resource properties for preservation, including the Spring Valley School site, and has been able to manage and restore several historic properties to allow for public access and education.

WHEREAS, thanks to the public's investment, the Douglas County Department of Open Space and Natural Resources has been able to acquire several properties, preserving some of the last stretches of scenic and public open space properties along the I-25 corridor in Colorado, many of which are vital wildlife habitats. These properties include Greenland Ranch and Sandstone Ranch in southern Douglas County, and a partnership to acquire Lost Canyon Ranch near Castlewood Canyon State Park. The Department of Open Space and Natural Resources is also able to manage and maintain 115 miles of trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use and oversees 65,000 acres in total, which attract an estimated 650,000 people annually. Much of this is made possible by our dedicated volunteer teams, which now number in the hundreds.

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners recognizes the public importance of maintaining public lands, including parks, trails, and open space properties to aid in the health, happiness and overall wellness of a community and recognizes that protecting our historic & natural resources protects our quality of life in Douglas County.

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners recognizes the public's overwhelming approval for 30 years of the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open

Space Fund and formally recognizes September as Parks, Trails, Historic Property and Open Space Appreciation Month, which will culminate with a celebration of our shared resources at a Fall Festival open to all residents of Douglas Count on Sept. 22, 2025 at Sandstone Ranch and Open Space.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado,

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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BY: _____
ABE LAYDON, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Hayley Hall, Clerk to the Board