

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

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS VOLUNTEER MONTH

WHEREAS, volunteering is a cornerstone of strong communities, fostering civic engagement, strengthening social bonds and improving the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 1974, President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteers across the United States, before it was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, more than 28% of Americans formally volunteer through organizations, collectively giving almost 5 billion hours of service annually, equating to an economic impact of \$167.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of volunteers in Douglas County dedicate their time and effort to numerous causes, including spending countless hours maintaining, monitoring, protecting and improving our beautiful parks, trails and open spaces; donating time and expertise on one of many advisory Boards and Commissions; or otherwise freely giving of time and skills to serve Search and Rescue, Community Safety and Victim's Advocates, Aging Resources, Collaborative Foster Care and the Fair and Rodeo. They support countless nonprofit organizations and programs.

WHEREAS, through their time, talents and dedication, volunteers play a critical role in making Douglas County a great place to live, fostering unity, resilience and a spirit of generosity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as Volunteer Month, recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions of volunteers across our county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to support, promote and participate in volunteer activities throughout the month of April and beyond, fostering a culture of service and collective impact that strengthens our county and its future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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BY: _____
GEORGE TEAL, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Hayley Hall, Clerk to the Board