A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF THE LITTLETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ON BALLOT QUESTION A

WHEREAS, the Littleton Fire Protection District has a 69-year history of protecting the citizens, homes and businesses that now comprise the cities of Centennial and Littleton, and the towns of Bow Mar and Columbine Valley and unincorporated Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties, and since 1948 has created and supported a well-developed fire and emergency medical services (EMS) capability, to the benefit of its citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the elected Board of Directors of the Littleton Fire Protection District has, after exhaustive research and deliberation, made the decision to affiliate with the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District, to provide fire, rescue and all-hazards response within the boundaries of the Littleton Fire Protection District, effective January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are clear and intrinsic benefits to unification, including improved service opportunities, to wit, improved response times, training and prevention/education services, and the collective communities within the Littleton Fire Protection District would have a role in the governance and policy decisions of South Metro Fire Rescue's operations; and

WHEREAS, the Littleton Fire Protection District has been a responsible steward of taxpayer funds, and a definite factor is the desire of the Board to ensure that costs funded by its taxpayers produce a safe and effective level of fire and rescue response to its residents; and

WHEREAS, unification is anticipated to be the most financially prudent method of providing fire and EMS services within the Littleton Fire Protection District; without unification it is anticipated that in the long run emergency services will decrease unless much higher taxes are paid to fund fire and EMS services;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Littleton Fire Protection District has chosen to support the May 2018 Special District Election Ballot proposal to unify with South Metro Fire Rescue; and

WHEREAS, we, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Columbine Valley, Colorado, fully understand the need for essential services, financial certainty and stability in the management of a governmental entity; and

WHEREAS, we believe it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Columbine Valley in general to support this ballot proposal and urge our citizens to cast an affirmative YES vote on Ballot Question A; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act expressly authorizes local governments to adopt and distribute in normal fashion a Resolution regarding any ballot issue of import to that local government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY, COLORADO, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Columbine Valley on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Columbine Valley do affirmatively support Ballot Question A and further demonstrate our support by approving this Resolution and disseminating our action to our residents and constituents.

<u>Section 2</u>. Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Resolution be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.

<u>Section 3.</u> Any and all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed; provided however, that the repeal of any such Resolution or part thereof shall not revive any other section or part of any Resolution heretofore repealed or superseded.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become operative, effective and enforced on or after February 20, 2018.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by a vote of ______ for and ______ against this 20th day of February, 2018.

JD McCrymb, Clerk

Richard Champion, Mayor