

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
LITTLETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
AND  
HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**ADVOCATING VOTER APPROVAL OF SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT'S INCLUSION OF THE AREA WITHIN THE HIGHLANDS  
RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND LITTLETON FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT DURING THE MAY 8, 2018 ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2018, the Board of Directors of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District ("*South Metro*") adopted a Resolution directing that during an election on May 8, 2018, South Metro shall ask the Fire District and Metropolitan District's voters if all of the area within the Districts shall be included into South Metro's jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, a non-governmental entity, has determined it is important to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens within its impact area that providing life-saving Emergency Services is an essential governmental service, and that the Board adopt this Resolution urging all eligible voters to approve South Metro's request to include all of the area within the Fire and Metropolitan Districts into South Metro's jurisdiction during the Inclusion Election, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District and Littleton Fire Protection District have been responsible stewards of taxpayer funds, and a definite factor is the desire of the Boards of each District to ensure that costs funded by their taxpayers produce a safe and effective level of fire and rescue response to their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, unification is anticipated to be the most financially prudent method of providing fire and EMS services within the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan and Littleton Fire Protection Districts; and that 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 Highlands Ranch Metropolitan and the Littleton Fire Protection Districts have chosen to support the May 2018 Special District Election Ballot proposal to unify with South Metro Fire Rescue; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the duly elected members of the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce fully understand the need for essential services, financial certainty and stability in the management of a government entity; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Districts and our community in general to support this ballot proposal, and hereby urge our citizens to cast an affirmative YES vote on the inclusion question in the May 8, 2018 election, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, as authorized by our bylaws and our members, do affirmatively support the ballot question, and further demonstrate our support by approving this Resolution, and disseminating our affirmative action and support to our members, residents and constituents.

Done in open session, this 30 day of NOVEMBER, 2018, at Centennial, Colorado.

(Signed),

Attested,

ROBERT GOLDEN, CEO

SO. METRO DENVER CHAMBER