

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE COLORADO LOTTERY DIVISION IN 2018
RES 2017-108**

WHEREAS, Colorado voters provided for a statewide lottery, and in a subsequent election adopted the Great Outdoor Colorado (GOCO) amendment to the state constitution, which directs that lottery profits be used for parks, open space, wildlife, and outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, following the voters' approval of a lottery, the General Assembly created a Lottery Division in the State Department of Revenue to administer the lottery; and

WHEREAS, as provided in the GOCO amendment, lottery profits are allocated to the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (GOCO Trust Fund), the Conservation Trust Fund, and to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants since 1983 to counties, municipalities, and special districts for acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites, capital improvements, and maintenance for recreational purposes on public sites; and

WHEREAS, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion since 1992 in grants for projects to improve communities in all of Colorado's 64 counties, connecting families to the outdoors through improved local trails and parks, outdoor recreation facilities, preserved ranchlands, water resources and view corridors, improved river access and quality and conserved wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, GOCO has distributed over \$7.7 million directly to the City of Commerce City for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Lottery Division is critical to the administration of the entire GOCO program and will expire unless extended by the General Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Commerce City strongly urges the General Assembly to approve legislation during its 2018 session to reauthorize the Colorado lottery division until 2039.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY

Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk