

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A STEWARDSHIP
IMPACT GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS
COLORADO TRUST FUND AND THE COMPLETION OF THE EMPOWERING
COMMUNITY-LED STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

NO. 2022-27

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) is an independent state board funded by the Colorado Lottery, that awards competitive grants to municipalities, other governmental entities, and non-profit organizations to preserve and enhance the state’s parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces;

WHEREAS, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (“WRV”), a nonprofit based in Longmont, in collaboration with partners including Cultivando and the City of Commerce City (“City”) Department of Parks, Recreation, and Golf, proposes to submit an application to GOCO for funding in the amount of \$147,093;

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded to the City and its partners, the funding will be used to implement the Empowering Community-Led Stewardship program (“Program”), with community partners primarily leading the Project and furthering its stated purposes of engaging residents in tree planting and other outdoor stewardship projects; and

WHEREAS, GOCO has requested that the City Council of the City of Commerce City approve a resolution broadly supporting the grant application and the implementation of the Program, as more fully described in the grant application documents and the proposal prepared by Project stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals to this resolution are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This resolution is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

SECTION 2. Council Support. The City Council of Commerce City strongly supports the submittal of an application for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado for implementation of the Empowering Community-Led Stewardship Program. If the grant is awarded, the City Council of Commerce City strongly supports the fulfillment of the Program, which shall not require the expenditure of any City funds.

SECTION 3. Grant Agreement. If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to sign a grant agreement regarding the terms and conditions of the Program if necessary, subject to successful negotiation and finalization of a grant agreement that is acceptable to the City Manager.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk