RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT ISSUE 6A TO INCREASE MILL LEVY FUNDING FOR THE RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT TO EXPAND SERVICES AT ANYTHINK LIBRARIES

NO. 2019- 110

- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries provide invaluable services and opportunities for our children, families, and members of our community from every walk of life;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries give children the services they need to support their educational growth, from story times and early reading to science programs and career mentorship;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries provide free and equal access to information and ideas, and librarians to connect people with accurate and trusted information and resources;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries increase access to technology, internet, and job training for everyone from kids and seniors to students and job seekers;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries create a welcoming, safe gathering place where anyone can belong, connect, and build community;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries collaborate with state, county and municipal agencies, school districts, arts and cultural organizations, business groups, civic clubs, and service agencies to maximize possibilities for community engagement;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries operate seven community libraries, bookmobile outreach and online services available to more than 416,000 people across Adams County;
- WHEREAS, Adams County residents visited Anythink Libraries 1.1 million times and borrowed 2.2 million items in 2018;
- WHEREAS, Anythink Libraries receive 90 percent of their operational funding from a property tax levy that applies uniformly across most of Adams County;
- WHEREAS, more than 100,000 new residents have moved into the communities served by Anythink Libraries in the 13 years since the last voter-approved library mill levy increase in 2006;
- WHEREAS, a ballot proposal this November will ask voters to consider a 2.2 mill levy increase to its current operating levy to meet the needs of our rapidly growing and vibrant community;
- WHEREAS, Anythink has indicated that the passage of this ballot initiative would directly benefit Commerce City residents with a new library branch in the northern range and expanded service at the Anythink Commerce City library, including Monday open hours, a 1,400-square-foot expansion of the program space, additional computers and technology options, more books and other checkout materials, and an expansion of the Spanish-language collection."

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

- 1. The City Council of the City of Commerce City endorses this ballot initiative in order to help Anythink Libraries expand services that improve the happiness, education, health and safety of our community;
- 2. The City Council of the City of Commerce City urges our local voters to vote in favor of Ballot Issue 6A on the November 2019 ballot.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

	CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO
ATTEST	Sean Ford, Mayor
Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk	