TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. TC-2017-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle is a municipal political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for an outdoors recreation planning grant awarded by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for planning and design of recreation facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and to help preserve, protect, enhance and manage the state's wildlife, park, river, trail and open space heritage, and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle has submitted a Grant Application for outdoor recreation/trails planning and design, requesting a total award of \$75,000.00 for outdoors recreation/trails planning in the Colorado River corridor between South Canyon and Canyon Creek exits, where no trail or alternative path other than the I-70 freeway exists; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is a fundamental component of Colorado's economy and quality of life, and to many Coloradans, outdoor recreation is more than just an activity, but is a lifestyle, and 90 percent of Coloradans participate in some form of outdoor recreation activity every year; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle materially supports outdoor activity, healthy recreation facilities for our residents and visitors, a vital and well connected pedestrian and bicycle trails network, and the economic benefits to our businesses and residents which regional connectivity brings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle strongly supports regional collaboration and cooperative planning among local and regional entities, and strongly supports the application for funds for its Lower Valley (LoVa) Trails South Canyon Trail Connection grant application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of New Castle THAT:

- 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of New Castle.
- 2. The Town of New Castle strongly supports the 2017 Great Outdoors Colorado outdoors recreation facilities planning grant application.
- 3. If the grant is awarded, the Town of New Castle strongly supports the completion of the trails planning project, and ultimately the design, engineering, and construction of the trail in the Colorado River corridor between Glenwood Springs and New Castle of which the above noted trail section is an integral part.

- 4. The Town of New Castle authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO); to include appropriation from otherwise unencumbered funds, at least 25% of the total projected cost of the planning and design project, which may include contributions from other governmental subdivisions, as detailed in the grant application.
- 5. The project properties will be owned or controlled by the Town of New Castle or its successor regional governmental subdivision for at least 25 years. The Town of New Castle or its successor regional governmental subdivision will continue to operate and maintain the properties in a high quality condition.
- 6. If the grant is awarded, the Town of New Castle hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado and such ancillary agreements which shall be necessary to complete the grant award process.

Introduced, Read and Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, on October 17, 2017.

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Riddile

Town Clerk Melody L Harrison, CMC

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