

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS' CITY FOR CHAMPIONS COLORADO REGIONAL TOURISM ACT PROPOSAL**

**WHEREAS,** On July 8, 2013, the City of Colorado Springs submitted an application requesting funding under the Colorado Regional Tourism Act with the "City for Champions" project; and

**WHEREAS,** The City for Champions Project includes four components: a United States Olympic Museum; a Downtown Stadium and Event Center; the United States Air Force Academy Gateway at Falcon Stadium Visitors Center; and the UCCS Sports Medicine and Performance Center; and

**WHEREAS,** City for Champions is a project of an "extraordinary and unique nature and is expected to contribute significantly to economic development and tourism" in the state and more important, in the Colorado Springs and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Cities of Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs have faced the challenges of historically damaging fires and now flooding, all of which have deeply and negatively affected the economy of the region; and

**WHEREAS,** As Colorado Springs' closest neighbor, Manitou Springs benefits directly from a vibrant and robust tourist economy in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region; and

**WHEREAS,** Each component of City for Champions will provide exceptional opportunities for tourism, sports, entertainment, distinctive services, research and instruction that would benefit out-of-town visitors and the citizens of the City of Manitou Springs, the Pikes Peak region and the state; and

**WHEREAS,** While each component would be an extraordinarily valuable asset, financial resources are limited, and it would not be reasonably expected to construct any of these components in the foreseeable future without funding provided under the Colorado Regional Tourism Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City of Manitou Springs City Council endorses the application submitted by the City of Colorado Springs for funding under the Colorado Regional Tourism Act.

SECTION 2: That the City of Manitou Springs City Council requests that the Colorado Economic Development Commission approve the application for funding submitted by the City of Colorado Springs.


SECTION 3: That the City Clerk of the City of Manitou Springs shall provide copies of this resolution to: Ken Lund, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade and Dick Monfort, Chairman, Economic Development Commission Board of Directors at 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver, CO 80202.

Adopted at the regular meeting of City Council of the City of Manitou Springs, Colorado on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2013.

Mayor and Council:

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Donna Kast, City Clerk