

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COLORADO LOTTERY DIVISION IN 2018

WHEREAS, Colorado voters provided for a statewide lottery, and in a subsequent election adopted the Great Outdoors 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, since 1992, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants for projects to improve communities in all of Colorado's 64 counties. Funds have helped connect families to the outdoors, improved local trails and parks, built outdoor recreation facilities, preserved ranchlands, water resources, and view corridors, improved river access and quality and conserved wildlife habitat; and,

WHEREAS, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed over \$2,886,526 directly to the City of Fort Morgan for these purposes; and,

WHEREAS, since 1983 the Conservation Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants 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 Conservation Trust Fund has distributed over \$1,500,837 directly to the City of Fort Morgan for these purposes; and,

WHEREAS, since 1992 the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$215 million of lottery proceeds in support of Colorado's 42 state parks, funding parkland acquisition, park development and operations, trail construction and maintenance, environmental education, youth and volunteer programs and stewardship and natural resource management; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Lottery Division is critical to the administration of the entire GOCO program and the Division is set to expire unless extended by the General Assembly, which during its 2018 session will consider legislation to extend the Division to 2039.

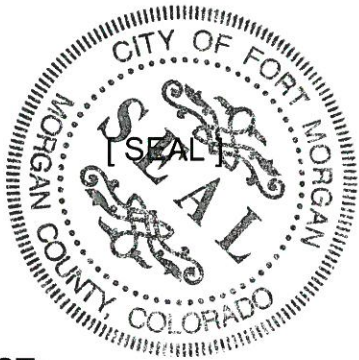
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO, that the City of Fort Morgan strongly urges the General Assembly to approve legislation during its 2018 session to reauthorize the Colorado lottery division until 2039.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2017, the vote upon roll call being as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Shaver, Councilmembers Anderson, Castoe, Howe, Lindell, Marler and Northrup

Nays:None.

Absent /Abstain: None



THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO

BY: *Ronald Shaver*
Ronald Shaver, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Brennan
John Brennan, City Clerk

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF MORGAN) ss.
CITY OF FORT MORGAN)

CERTIFICATE

I, John Brennan, City Clerk of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing **Resolution** is a true, perfect and complete copy of the **Resolution** adopted by the City Council and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, and that the same has not been, since its adoption, in any respect, rescinded or amended.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Fort Morgan this 19th day of December, 2017.

John Brennan
John Brennan, City Clerk