

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED (7-0)  
PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL 8-12-19  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE TO CONTINUE THE PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY TO BE DECIDED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF PUEBLO COUNTY AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019

WHEREAS, the Pueblo City-County Library (hereinafter "Library") is a duly organized and existing library district under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Library is a source of great community pride, being named America's Best Library, a national Four-Star Library, and recipient of the prestigious 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Services; and

WHEREAS, the Library is a community gathering place dedicated to literacy and reading, lifelong learning, and free and open access to information, and is an admired and critical community asset; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2018 alone, the Library welcomed more than 1.3 million visitors to local libraries, who checked out nearly 2.4 million books and logged onto library computers and digital resources such as e-books approximately 2.5 million times, and 428,373 of whom participated in library-sponsored cultural and educational events and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Library develops and provides special programs for kids that help them read, learn to think and be entertained in a positive, productive way; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure our local libraries continue to be community gathering spaces, open to everyone at no charge, providing safe places to go and read or use free Internet service; and

WHEREAS, the Library will add evermore of the newest best-selling and classic books and movies available for free to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Library provides increasing services to our aging population; and

WHEREAS, the Library is evolving to offer new technology such as e-books, movies, and audiobooks that can be downloaded for free on a smart phone or electronic reading device; and

WHEREAS, it is important to keep our libraries refreshed and renovated as comfortable places for reading, studying, and learning; and

WHEREAS, a 0.603 mill rate for local libraries expires this year; and

WHEREAS, the Library is asking voters to continue the property taxes for library services at slightly less than the current overall rate; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the Library mill levy rate will be actually slightly

less than the current levy for local libraries; and

WHEREAS, this question will be presented to the voters of Pueblo County at the coordinated election to be conducted on November 5, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Colorado; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

It is in the public interest to continue and renew the mill levy rate for the Library in order for it to carry out its mission to the benefit of the people of this community; and, therefore, citizens are urged to vote "Yes" on the Library referendum on November 5, 2019.

SECTION 2.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

INTRODUCED August 12, 2019

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK