

HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 18-111

**IN SUPPORT OF
INCLUSION IN SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District has a 38-year history of protecting the citizens, homes and businesses that comprise the community of Highlands Ranch in unincorporated Douglas County, Colorado, by contracting with Littleton Fire Rescue to support and sustain a well-developed fire and emergency medical services (EMS) capability, to the benefit of its citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the elected Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District has, after exhaustive research and deliberation, made the decision to affiliate with the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District, to provide fire, rescue and all-hazards response within the boundaries of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, effective January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are clear and intrinsic benefits to unification, including improved service opportunities, to wit, improved response times, addition of a new fire station, training and prevention/education services, and the collective Highlands Ranch community would have a role in the governance and policy decisions of South Metro Fire Rescue's operations; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District has been a responsible steward of taxpayer funds, and a definite factor is the desire of the Board to ensure that costs funded by its taxpayers produce a safe and effective level of fire and rescue response to its residents; and

WHEREAS, unification is anticipated to be the most financially prudent method of providing fire and EMS services within the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District; without unification it is anticipated that in the long run emergency services will decrease unless much higher taxes are paid to fund fire and EMS services;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District has chosen to support the May 8, 2018 Special District Election Ballot proposal to unify with South Metro Fire Rescue; and


WHEREAS, we, the elected members of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, located in Douglas County, Colorado, fully understand the need for essential services, financial certainty and stability in the management of a government entity; and

WHEREAS, we believe it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our District and Highlands Ranch in general to support this ballot proposal to include in South Metro Fire Rescue and urge our citizens to cast an affirmative YES vote; and


WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act expressly authorizes local governments to adopt and distribute in normal fashion a Resolution regarding any ballot issue of import to that local government,

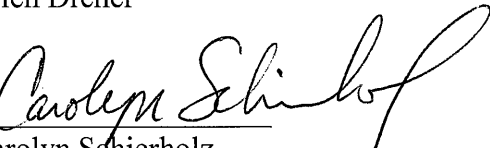
NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, Colorado, do affirmatively support the ballot question to include in South Metro Fire Rescue and further demonstrate our support by approving this Resolution, and disseminating our action to our residents and constituents.

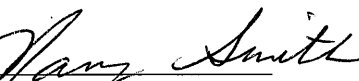
Done in open session, this 27th day of February 2018, at Highlands Ranch, Colorado.


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Renee Anderson

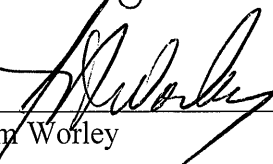
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Mark Diekerson

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Allen Dreher

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Carolyn Schierholz

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Nancy Smith

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Vicky Starkey

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Jim Worley