

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMENDMENT 71 - RAISE THE BAR, PROTECT OUR  
CONSTITUTION.**

*WHEREAS*, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners, has a unique role in governance with both legislative and executive duties; and

*WHEREAS*, the Commissioners are the elected officials closest to the constituents in Douglas County; and

*WHEREAS*, the Commissioners are looked to for leadership on matters of government policy; and

*WHEREAS*, Colorado law requires the same citizen initiative process to amend our Constitution as our state statutes creating a framework for one of the most easily amended Constitutions in the country; and

*WHEREAS*, under the current initiative process, there is no incentive to seek a statutory change as opposed to a constitutional amendment since the standard to change both is the same; and

*WHEREAS*, since 2005 special interests have presented Colorado voters with over two dozen constitutional amendments, measures that have triggered expensive, and frequently unproductive and harmful political fights; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board believes that the ease of amending Colorado's constitution leaves the state vulnerable to out of state special interest groups; and

*WHEREAS*, amendments to the Constitution should be broadly and not narrowly supported; and

*WHEREAS*, broad support would be shown by including all Coloradans in the signature gathering process with signatures obtained from all 35 state senate districts before a measure qualifies for the ballot; and

*WHEREAS*, once on the ballot, broad support would be shown by achieving 55% of the vote to pass instead of the current requirement of a simple majority; and


**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that Amendment 71 - Raise the Bar, Protect Our Constitution preserves voters' rights to propose changes and place an initiative on the ballot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, supports Amendment 71 - Raise the Bar, Protect our Constitution's that makes it harder to amend the Colorado Constitution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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BY:

  
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DAVID A. WEAVER, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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MEGHAN MCCANN, Deputy Clerk

