

**RESOLUTION NO. R- 020- 070**

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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS  
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT  
ON THE DITMAR RANCH**

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Douglas County (“County”) approved a county-wide sales and use tax for the preservation of open space lands and for the provision of trails and parks in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales and use tax enabling resolution (Douglas County Resolution R- 994-062) provides for the purchase of land for the preservation of scenic vistas, environmental qualities, unique natural resources, wildlife habitat and corridors, and connections to other open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the Ditmar ranch meets multiple open space preservation criteria, including significant wildlife habitat, scenic view shed, a historic working cattle ranch, and is surrounded on three sides by the permanently protected 6,200-acre JA Ranch, and was identified as a key property for protection in the South I-25 Conservation Corridor Study in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has invested \$23,310,100 of sales tax funds to preserve 31,061 acres in the South I-25 priority area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Douglas County Open Space Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the allocation of up to \$1,000,000 for the joint acquisition of a conservation easement with The Conservation Fund to protect the 1,500-acre Ditmar property in the South I-25 corridor open space priority area; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO, that

1. An expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of a conservation easement on the 1,500-acre Ditmar ranch located in the South I-25 open space priority area is approved, which expenditure includes all costs associated with acquisition, pending an appraisal that supports the acquisition price.
2. The County Manager, County Attorney, Deputy County Attorney or Senior Assistant County Attorney are authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of a conservation easement on the Ditmar property.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11th day of August, 2020, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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

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**ROGER PARTRIDGE, CHAIR**

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