## Resolution No. R-021-105

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

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTION DAY: SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.

- WHEREAS, Our rights and liberties are rooted in the cherished documents that gave birth to our nation, those being the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights which document sets forth the principals upon which our government is based; and
- WHERAS, The core principals embodied in the foundational documents that define the United States system of government form a common bond to unite the people of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, We as Americans enjoy our freedom and the rule of law through these documents our founding fathers created; and
- WHEREAS, The civic culture that defines the United States can be sustained as long as each generation develops a deep understanding and commitment to the principals of our founding documents and, accordingly, it is vital that every American be educated in the knowledge of our Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, Informed citizens are necessary to exercise and exhibit responsible and civic knowledge, which will ensure the preservation of our form of constitutional self-government; and
- WHEREAS, Constitutional self-government places a tremendous degree of responsibility and trust upon the citizens who are to govern themselves; and
- WHEREAS, In the words of our nation's first President George Washington during his April 30, 1789, inaugural address, "The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered ... deeply, ... finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."; and
- WHEREAS, By the unanimous consent of the States present at the Constitutional Congress on Monday, September 17, 1787, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Constitution was submitted to the state delegations for ratification, and it subsequently was ratified and amended to include its Bill of Rights, where our unalienable rights and liberties are enumerated; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Day was established to celebrate the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Constitution Day provides an opportunity for American citizens to reaffirm the achievements of our founding fathers and recommit ourselves to preserving the rights, privileges and responsibilities our nation's founders secured for themselves and for the posterity of future generations of Americans; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, hereby agrees with the United States Congress in declaring September 17 as Constitution Day to celebrate our representative republic system of government and the central contributions of the Constitution to the freedom Americans are privileged to enjoy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this  $14^{th}$  day of September, 2021, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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

BY:

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ATTEST:

KRISTIN RANDLETT, Clerk to t