

RESOLUTION NO. 21

SERIES 2018

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE “7D” TO DEBRUCE THE GUNNISON METROPOLITAN RECREATION DISTRICT, AND INCREASE THE MILL ASSESSMENT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF 1 MIL THAT WAS ESTABLISHED WHEN THE DISTRICT WAS CREATED

WHEREAS, the Gunnison Metropolitan Recreation District (“Met Rec”) was formed in 1978, under the provisions of Part 8 of Article 1 of Title 32 C. R. S. 1973, for the purpose of providing television and FM radio translator service within the confines of the District; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Met Rec Board of Directors received approval from the Gunnison and Saguache Boards of County Commissioners to expand the mission of the District to include recreation, arts and cultural services; and

WHEREAS, 50% of all Lottery Funds received by Met Rec are shared with other local governments to facilitate park and recreation services. At the end of 2016, \$554,192 has been shared with local governments in the service plan area since 2001 including \$60,507 to the Town of Crested Butte; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing and grant awards of \$1.45 million have benefited every sector of the local communities positively impacting recreation, parks, trails, theatre, music, education, culture, athletics and historical preservation throughout the Met Rec District; and

WHEREAS, the television translator system, encompassing 12 translator sites strategically located throughout the Met Rec District, broadcasts exceptional quality over-the-air digital television signals. Viewers in most areas can easily receive signals utilizing an outdoor antenna; and

WHEREAS, locally originated Crested Butte TV is broadcast through the translator system. CBTv provides local weather forecasts, avalanche and backcountry conditions and emergency broadcast services as well as a wide range of recreation programming; and

WHEREAS, Met Rec supports KBUT and Colorado Public Radio through in-kind contributions and by making space available at District broadcast communication facilities. The audio signal for KBUT is provided on the on-air channel guide, increasing listener access to KBUT broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely if this measure fails that Met Rec will continue to be able to provide over the air television. They estimate that within two or three years Met Rec will have insufficient funds to keep up with equipment replacement costs; and

WHEREAS, if the Met Rec is debruced, initiatives to support recreation initiatives could be taken to a subdistrict representing the entire north end of the valley. While Met Rec exists, there cannot be another recreation district that unifies the north end of the valley. Unless the met

exists, there cannot be another recreation district that unifies the north end of the valley. Unless the Met Rec can operate on a sustainable basis, a great deal of the burden for recreation for the entire north end of the valley will continue to fall on the residents of Crested Butte; and

WHEREAS, Met Rec's translator sites will be important in the future for telecommunications. Permitting and access will only get harder. It is difficult to know exactly how internet, cell phone service, and television will be distributed throughout the county, including up through the SH 135 corridor. However, if the Met Rec District is not able to maintain over the air television and we lose control of those sites, we may lose a very important tool for ensuring information connectivity

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THAT:

The Town of Crested Butte supports ballot measure 7D and strongly urges a vote of YES this November.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: _____

James A. Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

