

**TOWN OF RED CLIFF
RESOLUTION 6, SERIES 2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RED CLIFF, COLORADO, OF SUPPORT FOR THE EAGLE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE A TO STABILIZE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Colorado Constitution known as the “Gallagher Amendment” coupled with another provision of the Colorado Constitution known as “TABOR” impacts the property tax revenue the voters have authorized all special districts and municipalities to assess and collect, because it requires the State to adjust the “residential assessment rate” used to calculate taxes owed based upon a set formula; and

WHEREAS, previous adjustments required by the Gallagher Amendment have reduced the residential property tax rate from 21% to 7.15%, resulting in significant reductions in residential property tax revenue to the Eagle River Fire Protection District (“Eagle River Fire”) necessary to provide fire, emergency medical and other emergency services, including wildfire response; and

WHEREAS, the Gallagher Amendment Repeal and Property Tax Assessment Rates Measure (the “Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure”) will appear as Amendment B on the state ballot in the November 3, 2020 general election, as set forth in Senate Concurrent Resolution 20-001, which would freeze property tax assessment rates at the current rates of 7.15% for residential property and 29% for non-residential property; and

WHEREAS, if the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure does not pass, the Residential Assessment Rate is anticipated to drop from 7.15% to 5.88% in 2021, which would result in a substantial decrease in residential property tax revenue to be received by Eagle River Fire; and

WHEREAS, if the Gallagher Amendment Repeal Measure does not pass, Eagle River Fire will be required to cut spending on essential emergency services, which will decrease Eagle River Fire’s ability to provide lifesaving services to the community; and

WHEREAS, instead of reducing Eagle River Fire’s services, the Eagle River Fire’s voters can authorize it, without increasing net tax revenues, to adjust its mill levy rate to offset any future reductions to the residential assessment rate required by the Gallagher Amendment and thereby stabilize its revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle River Fire’s Board of Directors has determined that the public interest and necessity require that Eagle River Fire place before the voters Ballot

Issue A to allow Eagle River Fire to adjust its general operating mill levy rate in future years to offset the Gallagher Amendment revenue reductions, to allow it to provide fire, emergency medical and other emergency services, including wildfire response; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Cliff ("Town") adheres to the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, which 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, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Red Cliff as follows:

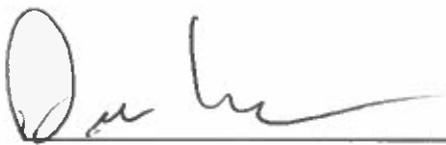
1. **Support for Ballot Issue A.** The Town does express its **strongest possible support** for the Eagle River Fire Protection District Ballot Issue A authorizing it to adjust its mill levy rate to stabilize tax collections, as will be placed before the voters for a November 3, 2020 decision.

2. **Public Necessity.** The Town further confirms that protecting the Eagle River Fire Protection District against the adverse impact of the Gallagher Amendment is vitally important and necessary to enhancing and continuing to support the health, safety and welfare of all current and future residents and property owners within the Eagle River Fire Protection District.

3. **Public Support.** The Town urges electors of the Eagle River Fire Protection District to join in its support by **VOTING YES** on the Eagle River Fire Protection District Ballot Issue A at the November 3, 2020 election.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 3rd day of October, 2020.



By: 
Mayor, Duke Gerber

ATTEST:


Barb Smith, Town Administrator/Clerk