## ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05**

## A RESOLUTION EXPLAINING THE ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MODEL

WHEREAS, the Estes Valley has been protected by volunteer firefighters since 1907; and

WHEREAS, our volunteer force has historically and continually been comprised of dedicated servants who put the needs of their community above all else; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifice and commitment of the volunteers who have served this valley for over 115 years is sincerely acknowledged and greatly appreciated; and

WHEREAS, the Estes Valley continues to have the threat of significant emergencies that could overwhelm a career only staffing model; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a volunteer response model provides sound fiscal responsibility and cost savings for the residents and guests of the Estes Valley; and

WHEREAS, career positions may enhance and support, but not replace our volunteer firefighter model; and

WHEREAS, the District has and will continue to commit resources to ensuring volunteers are well trained and equipped; and

WHEREAS, the District has and will continue to commit resources to ensuring volunteers are provided with benefits and incentives to support their service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the District has the opportunity to honor the history of our volunteer firefighter model while ensuring the needs of our community are met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District ("Board") as follows:

- 1. <u>Commitment</u>. The Board commits to making decisions in accordance with the principles and values expressed in this and similar District Resolutions.
- 2. <u>Severability</u>. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.
- 3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall take effect and be <u>enforced</u> immediately upon its approval by the Board.

ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2022.

ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By

Jonathan Hodde, President

Attest:

Larry Leaming, Vice President

David Hamrick, Secretary

Brian Tseng, Treasurer

Ryan Bross, At Large