TOWN OF EMPIRE COLORADO

Resolution 22-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE "STREET OF FLAGS" PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Empire ("Town") is a statutory municipality of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Town is empowered to establish policies by resolution; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1956, the Town of Empire dedicated the "Street of Flags," a display of flags of all the States of the Union along both sides of highway 40 in downtown Empire; and

WHEREAS, the Street of Flags was fashioned after a then famous street of flags in Amsterdam, Holland; and

WHEREAS, in May 2020, the non-profit organization Friends of Clear Creek reestablished the Town's Street of Flags by displaying flags along both sides of Highway 40 in downtown Empire and collecting donations for new flags; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to partner with Friends of Clear Creek to administer a program reestablishing the Street of Flags program; and

WHEREAS, to reestablish the program the Town wishes to create a policy governing the display of flags under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enact a policy for the Street of Flags program accordance with this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO:

<u>Section 1</u>. The above recitals are incorporated by reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Board of Trustees for the Town of Empire hereby enacts the following policy for the Street of Flags program:

- a. State and international flags displayed may be displayed in the summer months along Highway 40, attached to the Town owned fence, or attached to private fences with a signed waiver from the property owner.
- b. Eligible flags to be flown are U.N. recognized international flags, U.S.

state flags, and U.S. territory flags. No college, university, group flags, political organization flags, or flags expressing a political opinion are eligible to participate in the program.

c. The Street of Flags program is not intended to serve as a public forum for speech or free expression by the public. The Town is the sole entity which may approve a flag for participation in the program. The Town's selection of flags shall be done in accordance with this Resolution, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 17th day of May 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Empire.

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Wendy Koch

Mayor, Town of Empire

ATTEST:

Jeannette Piel

Clerk, Town of Empire