

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BASALT, COLORADO, EXPRESSING  
SUPPORT FOR THE PITKIN COUNTY'S OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS BALLOT  
QUESTIONS**

**Town of Basalt, Colorado  
Resolution No. 39  
Series of 2016**

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Basalt finds that the Pitkin County Open Space/Trails Program, approved by the electorate and established in 1990, has successfully acquired, protected, improved and maintained critical open space and trails properties of immeasurable and lasting value to the citizens of Pitkin County and the Town of Basalt; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of Resolution No. 098-2006, the property tax levy of up to 3.75 mills imposed to fund the Pitkin County Open Space/Trails Program terminates in 2019 (for collection in 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Pitkin County Open Space Trails Program has enabled partnerships between the Town of Basalt and Pitkin County and among many other partners including Eagle County, GOCO and the Mid Valley Trails Committee which have preserved hundreds of acres of agricultural land and important riparian areas and allowed family ranch operations to continue, and small scale agricultural farming operations to start up. These partnerships have also allowed for access to the public lands near the Town of Basalt and contributions to the Town's efforts for safe routes to our other pedestrian and bicycle trails and schools such as the Pitkin County commitment to the Basalt Underpass; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of Basalt finds that the continued acquisition and preservation of open space and trails pursuant to that Program in and around Basalt will continue to have a significant beneficial impact on the future of the Town of Basalt; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes these programs to continue and acknowledges that additional public funds must therefore be secured which are earmarked for open space and trail acquisition, improvement, management and preservations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Basalt finds that, in light of the overwhelming public interest in the mission of the Pitkin County Open Space/Trails Program, a property tax should continue to be levied for this purpose; and

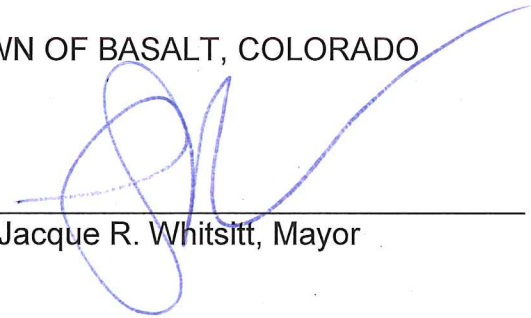
WHEREAS, the Town Council of Basalt also supports the amendment to the Pitkin County home rule charter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Basalt Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, as follows:

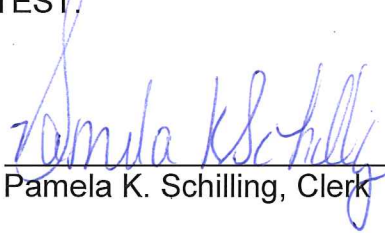
That the Town Council does support the Pitkin County Ballot Question and encourages our residents in Pitkin County to vote "YES" on November 8, 2016, in favor of passing the ballot questions.

READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 6 to 0 on the 27 day of September, 2016.

TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO

By:   
Jacquie R. Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
Pamela K. Schilling, Clerk

