

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO,
SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF EAGLE COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A REGARDING VOTER
AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE MILL LEVY FOR THE EAGLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE
PROGRAM**

**Town of Basalt, Colorado
Resolution No. 27
Series of 2018**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Issue 1A was referred unanimously by the Eagle County Commissioners to allow the County to extend for another 15 years the voter-approved Open Space tax of 1.5 mills beyond its termination in 2025.

WHEREAS, Issue 1A will continue the Eagle County Open Space program for an additional 15 years to ensure the protection of the County's diverse wildlife and preservation of the County's natural wonders and river corridors, without raising taxes.

WHEREAS, Issue 1A will allow Eagle County to plan for the future by ensuring that the County has the resources needed to maintain existing properties while also moving ahead on future projects.

WHEREAS, passage of Issue 1A will allow the Open Space Advisory Committee and its community partners to continue their work to add several more properties to the already diverse Open Space portfolio.

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Open Space program preserves critical lands for wildlife by acquiring and conserving river and stream corridors to maintain riparian habitat as well as providing migration corridors for several species.

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Open Space program works to acquire properties to preserve ranching heritage through conservation easements and to provide access to adjacent federal lands.

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Open Space mill levy helps to enhance a broad range of outdoor recreational opportunities — including a network of trails, boat ramps, and many other amenities — as well as supporting important conservation initiatives and wildlife preservation.

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Open Space Program has enabled partnerships between the Town of Basalt and Eagle County and among many other partners including Pitkin 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.

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

beneficial impact on the future of the Town of Basalt.

WHEREAS, the Town wishes these programs to continue and acknowledges that public funds must therefore be secured which are earmarked for open space.

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

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

That the Town Council supports the Yes for Open Space Campaign in Eagle County and encourages our residents in Eagle County to vote "YES" on Issue 1A on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 7 to 0 on the 9th day of October, 2018.

TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO

By: _____

Jacque R. Whitesitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Pamela K. Schilling, Clerk

