

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT ISSUE 6A, AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN TAX RATES IN THE SUMMIT FIRE & EMS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, OF THE EXISTING MILL LEVY FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, PERSONNEL, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AMBULANCE TRANSPORT, AND ALL OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS

WHEREAS, in Summit County there exists a strong public desire to protect citizens, homes and businesses, along with the County's scenic mountain landscapes that make it a special place to live and visit; against the increasing threat of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to increase the Fire District's property tax revenues to enable the Fire District to meet the community's increasing demands for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the "Safety First" Fund and Ballot measure approved by voters in 2014 will expire unless an extension of the current funding is approved; and

WHEREAS, without voter approval of the existing mill levy the Summit Fire and EMS District will have a difficult time providing services to meet demand of increased population, emergency call volume, and inflation. If the Fire District has to reduce services in order to compensate for the lost revenue, the Fire District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings may be adversely affected, causing homeowners' and business owners' property insurance rates to increase; and

WHEREAS, most of us live in Summit County because of the natural beauty, scenic places and recreational opportunities, but experts predict our threat of wildfire will continue to significantly increase in the next sixty years due to increased temperatures and decreased precipitation levels caused by climate change, so we need to act now to plan for increased demand on the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Summit County must also continue to take the initiative and plan ahead to ensure that we reduce the likelihood of a large, severe wildfire and the disastrous effects it could have on our neighborhoods, infrastructure, economy, businesses, water supplies and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Summit County, Colorado, encourages public support for the Summit Fire and EMS District ballot measure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT:

The Board of County Commissioners of Summit County supports the efforts of the District through ballot measure 6A to fund wildland firefighting, capital improvements, personnel, fire and emergency medical services, ambulance transport, and other public purposes previously approved by the voters and strongly encourages the citizens of Summit County to vote YES on this Referred Measure 6A.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair

ATTEST:

Kathleen Neel, Clerk & Recorder