

RESOLUTION NO. 21-__ It was moved by Commissioner ____ and duly seconded by Commissioner ____ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, after over 18 years of dedicated service to Arapahoe County, Keith Ashby will retire on November 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, he began his employment with Arapahoe County on March 24, 2003 and has served as the Purchasing Manager in the Finance Department since that date; and

WHEREAS, Keith, as a Certified Public Procurement Officer with the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council has been instrumental in developing the professionalism and skill of the members of the Purchasing Division over his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Keith's Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from CU Boulder instilled in him a sense of giving back and teaching that carried over into his career as a procurement expert and he has always been willing to contribute his time and knowledge to teach others about public procurement; and

WHEREAS, he worked diligently and closely with staff, Finance Department colleagues, numerous directors, elected officials, and county commissioners and outside vendors, chambers, and organizations to assist in getting the business of the County done always in constant pursuit of the best value for the taxpayer dollar; and

WHEREAS, Keith has shared his expertise and served on local, regional, and national procurement committees and boards such as the National Institute of Government Purchasing, Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association, and Colorado Multiple Assembly of Procurement Officials; and

WHEREAS, under Keith's leadership, he and his staff's performance and professionalism has been recognized with numerous awards such as the National Procurement Institute's Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, NIGP's Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Awards, and the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council's Excellence in Achievement Awards; and

WHEREAS, he was at the forefront of many groundbreaking and significant changes at Arapahoe County including instituting the first purchasing card program, developing purchasing policies and procedures that implemented best practices, moving the County to an electronic bid system, and being an important leader in the County's Print Smart program among many others; and

WHEREAS, Keith and his expertise, outgoing personality, friendly smile, infectious laugh, and bright, colorful attire - especially socks - will be truly missed by the staff of the Purchasing Division, the Finance Department as a whole, and by the many other County employees who knew and worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Keith will now have more time enjoy with his wife, Michelle, as well as his family and young grandchild; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to acknowledge Keith's contributions to Arapahoe County and to the Arapahoe County Finance Department in particular.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County that the Board hereby officially recognizes the contributions that Keith Ashby has made as a valued employee of Arapahoe County and hereby declares that his future shall prosper as Arapahoe County has under his dedication and service.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, ___; Commissioner Holen, ___; Commissioner Jackson, ___; Commissioner Sharpe, ___; Commissioner Warren-Gully, ___.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.