

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-**\_\_\_\_ It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_ and duly seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, Colorado, wishes to recognize and honor Ron Carl for his service to Arapahoe County as the County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Ron began his employment with Arapahoe County on April 8, 1996 as an Assistant County Attorney and was appointed as the Acting County Attorney effective December 1, 2011, before being appointed County Attorney February 28, 2012, and will retire on May 1, 2026 after more than 30 years of valuable service; and

WHEREAS, he has ardently and skillfully represented and advised the Board of County Commissioners and other elected officials, department directors, employees, boards, and commissions on countless matters involving virtually every conceivable issue and areas of the law during his esteemed tenure with the County Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Ron argued three cases before the Colorado Supreme Court, including the Denver Publishing Company, d/b/a Rocky Mountain News v. Board of County Commissioners of the County of Arapahoe case, which resolved the open question that private emails of public employees are not subject to the open records act; and

WHEREAS, Ron was instrumental in drafting the original Open Space resolution and ballot questions establishing and later permanently extending a Countywide sales and use tax that works to preserve natural and heritage areas including over 32,000 acres of open space; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Executive Team, he served as chair and facilitated revisions to its charter governing the group whose purpose is sharing information and providing recommendations and guidance for the Board and Arapahoe County; and

WHEREAS, he represented Arapahoe County as a board member and board president for two terms for the Colorado County Attorneys Association whose key objectives are professional development, networking and collaboration throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Ron was instrumental in negotiating the Colorado opioid settlement framework with the attorney general's office – leading the statewide effort to maximize local funding and establishing a memorandum of understanding to govern how monies would be used throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the utmost respect and admiration from his clients, coworkers, county attorneys from around the state, and others by virtue of his vast knowledge of local government law, his excellent lawyering skills and his ability to always treat others with respect, even when dealing with challenging and contentious issues; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Ron will quickly turn the page from work and smoothly transition to spending more time with his wife Jill and their two sons, J.J. and Noah, and devote energy to his many non-legal passions including surfing, paddle boarding, fly fishing, hiking, and skiing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of

Arapahoe County to officially recognize the contributions that Ron Carl 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 Campbell, \_\_; Commissioner Fields, \_\_; Commissioner Summey, \_\_; Commissioner Warren-Gully, \_\_.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.