

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER NANCY SHARPE FOR HER
SERVICE TO ARAPAHOE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 220 It was moved by Commissioner and duly seconded by
Commissioner to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Commissioner Nancy Sharpe was duly elected by the voters of Arapahoe County in November 2010 and re-elected for two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sharpe leveraged nearly 20 years of prior local government experience to not only address constituent concerns within District 2 but the county as a whole, advocating for regional infrastructure investments, supporting smart growth and development policies, ensuring adequate investments in human services programs, and encouraging economic development; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sharpe served as Chair of the Board four times during her tenure, most recently navigating the uncertainty and changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, providing clear leadership and facilitation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sharpe's passion for smart growth and infrastructure planning secured significant federal investments in regional transportation interchange projects and resulted in leadership positions on a variety of boards such as the Mile High Flood District, Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, Public Airport Authority, Highline Canal Collaborative, and Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to addressing generational poverty led her to serve as the chair of the Colorado Counties, Inc. Health and Human Services Steering Committee, National Association Counties Human Services and Education Steering Committee, and as an governor appointee to the Colorado Executive Leadership Council on Child Welfare, Works Allocation and Child Welfare Allocation Committees, raising issues of significance and seeking solutions to ensure adequate program funding; and

WHEREAS, with Commissioner Sharpe's leadership, the county's human services department partnered with a nonprofit provider to create the innovative Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success or GOALS program, which provides bridge housing and wrap-around supportive services to families experiencing homelessness as well as an innovative technology solution – HS Connects – which has streamlined the document intake process for counties across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sharpe has been a steadfast supporter of the intellectual and developmental disabilities community and promoted continued oversight and financial accountability of programs in Arapahoe County funded by the dedicated mill levy; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure she was a champion for key county initiatives, such as securing dedicated open space funding in perpetuity, establishing its own public health

department, obtaining a formal relationship with the Northern Arapaho Tribe, creating employee leadership programs, and supporting data-driven decision-making; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure she served as the commissioner liaison for nearly every county department, supporting the work of staff to meet constituent and business needs in a fiscally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sharpe's legacy of public service is evident throughout the County and our community is a better place as a result of her leadership

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners officially recognize the contributions of Commissioner Sharpe during her 12 years as an Arapahoe County elected official and hereby declares her future shall prosper as Arapahoe County has prospered under her dedication and service.

The vote was:

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