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El Paso County, CO

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-475**

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO

## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF THE PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-11-101(1)(d), 30-11-103, and 30-11-107(1)(a), the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado ("Board") has the legislative authority to manage the concerns of the County and to make all contracts and do all other acts concerning the County when deemed by the Board to be in the best interests of the citizens of El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Pike National Historic Trail will promote investigation to embellish historical, geographical and the unique cultural heritage of El Paso County, and

WHEREAS, four members of the Pike Expedition were in and explored El Paso County on November 25 and 27 to 30, 1806 in their attempt to climb Pikes Peak, and

WHEREAS, educational opportunities would be beneficial to children and adults residing in El Paso County as well as visitors to our beautiful landscape including Pikes Peak, America's Mountain, and

WHEREAS, the providing of education materials for educators, tourists and parents would underscore the historical significance of the Pike Expedition and knowledge of General Zebulon Montgomery Pike himself, and

WHEREAS, the Pike National Historic Trail has national significance with respect to exploration and eventual migration and settlement, trade and commerce on the Santa Fe Trail, and the gathering of information supporting annexation of territory to the United States, and

WHEREAS, the lure of the tourist to El Paso County is significant, and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the National Trails System will benefit the public by honoring a historic expedition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby supports the legislation necessary to designate the Pike National Historic Trail as a National Historic Trail.

**DONE THIS** 14<sup>th</sup> day of December at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTYCOMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

County Clerk Recorder

Vice Chair