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Proclamation Recognizing Flag Day and the Establishment of the United States Army

Resolution No. 26-168

WHEREAS, June 14th is a day of national significance, as it is both Flag Day and the birthday of the United States Army. Flag Day, observed annually on this day, commemorates the adoption of the U.S. flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Two years prior, the Continental Army was formed on June 14, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress as a unified army for the colonies during the American Revolutionary War, with George Washington appointed as its commander; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the interconnectedness of the American Flag and our military, with the flag serving as a powerful symbol of our nation, its values, and the sacrifices of those who serve to protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the flag plays a central role in local traditions and ceremonies, marking the beginning and end of the duty day with the raising and lowering of the flag during Reveille and Retreat at Fort Carson, Peterson Space Force Base, Schriever Space Force Base, and other military installations throughout El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance is standard practice at the start of El Paso County Board of County Commissioners public meetings as an expression of national strength and unity; and

WHEREAS, the vision of our flag waving triumphantly over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 inspired lawyer and amateur poet Francis Scott Key to write a poem which later became the U.S. national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner", the only one worldwide strongly inspired by a nation's flag; and

WHEREAS, our flag has evolved alongside the nation, surviving the greatest tests of our Republic and symbolizing the resilience of the American spirit. This year's Flag Day serves as the prelude to our nation's semiquincentennial, reminding us of the struggles and events that have shaped our country, and the steadfast values our flag continues to represent; and

WHEREAS, when we raise the flag, stand, and salute or place our hands on our hearts, we recall the fundamental truths upon which this nation was founded; that we are all created equal and that our government derives its power from the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims June 14th as Flag Day in El Paso County and encourages citizens to observe with pride and all due ceremony events honoring the American Flag and the United States Army, to display the flag, and to celebrate the ideals and principles it represents.

DONE THIS 9th day of June 2026 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

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