

**Minturn, Colorado**  
**Resolution Number 25 - 2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MINTURN TOWN COUNCIL OF MINTURN, COLORADO,  
IN SUPPORT OF OPEN SPACE, RIVERS, WILDLIFE, & TRAILS BALLOT ISSUE 1B**

**WHEREAS** During the last 14 years, since the passage of the Open Space program in 2002, the Eagle County Open Space program has protected our natural beauty and scenic vistas.

**WHEREAS** the Open Space program has retained Eagle County's rich history, culture, and agricultural uses; preserved critical wildlife habitat; curbed sprawl in the face of extreme development pressure; and has provided access to our public lands, improving opportunities for high-quality dispersed outdoor recreation.

**WHEREAS** On August 30<sup>th</sup>, by unanimous vote, the Eagle County Board of Commissioners referred an extension and augmentation of the Eagle County Open Space program to the ballot, known as Issue 1B.

**WHEREAS** Passage of Ballot Issue 1B will continue the Open Space program as described above.

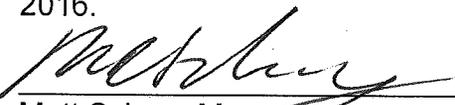
**WHEREAS** Issue 1B will enable bonding authority to complete the Eagle Valley Trail in approximately seven years instead of the 40 plus years under the current funding mechanism and will dedicate a portion of the mill levy for debt service to pay bond interest without increasing taxes.

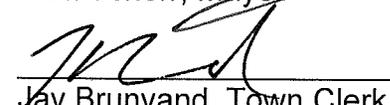
**WHEREAS** Open lands, rivers, and wetlands are critical pieces of the environment in Eagle County. The use of open space funds to protect and enhance our water quality, protect wildlife habitat, conserve our open and beautiful views, and enhance recreation opportunities are vital to our quality of life, and keep our recreation and tourism economies strong.

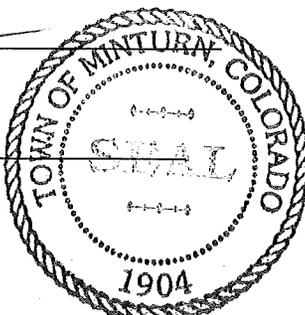
**WHEREAS** With hundreds of miles of soft trails in Eagle County, on county and federal lands, effective trail stewardship is vital. Issue 1B will dedicate funds toward the sustainable maintenance of our current soft trails and may, in time, be used for the creation of new, environmentally responsible trails, all of which enables residents and visitors alike to partake in all the exceptional outdoor experiences that Eagle County has to offer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the TOWN OF MINTURN offers their public support for Ballot Issue 1B.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

  
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Matt Scherr, Mayor

  
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Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk



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