

**TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 21 – SERIES 2017**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT ISSUE 1A – FUNDING MENTAL
HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN EAGLE COUNTY
THROUGH THE TAXATION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“County”) has submitted to the registered, qualified electors of Eagle County, at the general election to be held on November 7, 2017, a question authorizing a sales and excise tax increase for the purpose of funding mental health and substance abuse services in Eagle County; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §1-45-117(1)(b)(III) allows any political subdivision to pass a resolution in support and otherwise take a position of advocacy on this issue and report the passage of the same through established, customary means; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees for the Town of Minturn desire to support the County’s efforts in this regard and encourage our constituents to vote yes on Ballot Issue 1A; and

WHEREAS, our citizens have faced a persistent problem of having no treatment facilities or funding for mental health and substance abuse issues. For those in Eagle County needing mental health or substance abuse services the closest existing facilities are located in Grand Junction and Frisco; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance abuse issues impact a large sector of our population:

- 1 in 4 adults experience a mental health or addiction crisis in a given year
- 18% of adults live with anxiety disorders
- 60% with a mental illness don’t receive treatment
- 20% of 13-18 year olds live with a mental health condition
- 50% of youth ages 8-15 don’t receive treatment
- 37% students with mental health conditions dropout of high school- highest rate of any disability group
- Eagle County has already seen 10 individuals commit suicide in 2017 and is on pace to set a record for annual suicides; and

WHEREAS, the marijuana industry has created an opportunity to help resolve the funding and treatment problem; and

WHEREAS, if approved, a significant portion of the resulting tax revenue - \$1.2 million dedicated minimum - would be immediately used to create programs for prevention of mental health and treatment of substance abuse issues. The longer term the vision calls for creation of an in-county facility.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO:

That, the Town of Minturn would like to join Eagle County, our health care providers, our local law enforcement agencies, our school districts, and our other community partners in supporting the passage of Ballot Issue 1A – Funding Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in Eagle County through the Taxation of Retail Marijuana.

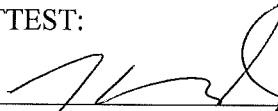
That, the registered, qualified electors of Minturn are encouraged to vote yes on Ballot Issue 1A.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 4th day of October, 2017

TOWN OF MINTURN

By: 
Mayor *PRO TENL*

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

