

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Series 2018

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE “IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER” CAMPAIGN BEING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2018 WHICH IS AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIABLE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN OUR LIVES AND THE INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE.

WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the Town of Breckenridge; and

WHEREAS, Town residents on average utilize 146 gallons of water per single family equivalent; and

WHEREAS, the Town has invested in a second water plant with 4.5 miles of pipeline and an increased capacity of 3 million gallons per day; and

WHEREAS, water crises across the country, ranging from wildfire, to drought, to flooding, show the severe impacts of what can happen to the public health and well-being of a community without access to clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, droughts and wildfire and other weather-related challenges put pressure on water systems that are ill-equipped and ill-prepared to manage such extreme events; and

WHEREAS, utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure and lack reliable revenue and funding to maintain systems let alone upgrade their systems; and

WHEREAS, one-fifth of the U.S. economy would grind to a halt without a reliable and clean source of water; and

WHEREAS, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's public and environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, innovation in water conservation and water reuse will drive job growth, economic development, and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for each job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the national economy; and

WHEREAS, for every \$1 spent on infrastructure improvements, the US generates \$6 in returns; and

WHEREAS, different regions face different water challenges, so the solutions to strengthen our drinking water and wastewater systems must be locally driven, but reinvestment in our water must be a national priority.

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

Section 1. The Town of Breckenridge recognizes that water is essential to the quality of life and economic competitiveness, and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the “Imagine a Day Without Water” campaign.

Section 2. The Town of Breckenridge is dedicated to investing in safe and reliable water and wastewater infrastructure and calls on our federal partners to bring much-needed funding and innovation to protect and restore our critical water infrastructure.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2018.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

By: _____/s/_____
Eric S. Mamula, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Helen Cospolich, CMC,
Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

_____/s/_____
Town Attorney Date