



COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT Administration	PRESENTED BY Christy Doon - City Administrator	DATE April 16, 2024
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ITEM

Resolution 2024-30, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado Expressing Commitment to "TOGETHER WE STAND – A Chaffee County Project"

BACKGROUND

The League of Women Voters Chaffee County has announced a county-wide project entitled TOGETHER WE STAND. The project is based on Richard Haass's book "The Bill of Obligations" and the Ten Habits of Good Citizens. Colorado Mountain College chose the book as the 2024 Common Reader. The LWVCC is asking organizations across the county to endorse the Ten Habits of Good Citizens through resolution.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve Resolution 2024-30.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should state, "I move to approve Resolution 2024-30, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado Expressing Commitment to "Together We Stand – A Chaffee County Project" followed by a second and a roll call vote.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 30
(Series of 2024)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING COMMITMENT TO “TOGETHER WE STAND – A CHAFFEE COUNTY PROJECT”

WHEREAS, the City of Salida, Colorado (“City”) is a statutory city, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, we find ourselves at an extraordinary juncture with a valuable opportunity to emphasize our commonality and strengths over our differences; and

WHEREAS, we envision and strive for a united, well-informed community capable of engaging in meaningful discussions and dialogues; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that disagreements are inevitable among humans, yet we value coming together on numerous issues; and

WHEREAS, we uphold individual rights as fundamental to our community and government, recognizing the necessity for more; and

WHEREAS, we advocate for the placement of the Bill of Obligations (Habits of Citizenship) alongside the Bill of Rights to foster a resilient, informed, participatory, and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, we believe that active engagement with the Habits of Good Citizenship through reading, discussion, dialogue, teaching, and learning enhances our political understanding and behavior; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters Chaffee County, a non-partisan and non-political organization supporting our community for over 50 years, has launched the “TOGETHER WE STAND”: 10 Habits of Good Citizenship” Project from April 10th to mid-October 2024; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Mountain College, Salida Campus, has endorsed the Project, aligning with their 2024 Common Reader initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Project encompasses three components: Resolutions signed by organizations, Pledges signed by individual families to uphold and embody the 10 Habits of Good Citizenship and engaging in a form of expression demonstrating the Habits; and

WHEREAS, The 10 Habits of Good Citizenship are:

Be Informed: I pledge to stay informed about local issues and events that impact Chaffee County.

Be Involved: I pledge to actively participate in community activities and initiatives that contribute to the betterment of Chaffee County.

Embrace Compromise: I pledge to remain open to finding common ground and seeking compromises for the collective benefit of Chaffee County.

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Champion the Common Good: I pledge to work towards the advancement of the common good and welfare of all residents in Chaffee County.

Respect Government Service: I pledge to respect the contributions and efforts of those serving in governmental roles in Chaffee County.

Support Civic Education: I pledge to support initiatives that improve the understanding of civics and inspire civic engagement in Chaffee County.

Prioritize Country: I pledge to prioritize the well-being of every citizen, the prosperity for all of Chaffee County and contribute positively to its growth and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, THAT:

We hereby support the principles outlined in the book, *The Bill of Obligations* by Richard Hass focusing on the 10 Habits of Good Citizenship and supporting The Project: “TOGETHER WE STAND” in Chaffee County.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF SALIDA

By: _____

Dan Shore, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

PROJECT PROPOSAL



TOGETHER WE STAND



“TOGETHER WE STAND”

The Chaffee County Project





PROJECT: Book of Obligations County Wide

Mission: To create an environment in which the norm for our ‘pocket of awesomeness’ known as Chaffee County can find common ground for conversation and dialogue, norms of behavior and a focus for how we operate together regardless of age, race, creed, sex, political affiliation based on the 10 Habits of Good Citizenship and the book, the Bill of Obligations

Background: The upcoming elections can be a lightning rod for our differences versus the many things we have in common. Currently there is no county-wide effort to bring us together. *The Book, The Bill of Obligations by Richard Haass*, can provide some background, context, specific suggestions of 10 behaviors and plenty of dialogue around which to create the norm for our community.

Elements: -

- Organizations to sign Resolutions
- Families & Individuals to sign pledges
- Categories of participants to create displays/expressions for how they live the 10 Habits of Good Citizenship

Groups for Resolutions of support:

- LWVCC* (project through LWVCC)
- County Commissioners*
- Town of Buena Vista – *Town Trustees
- City of Salida
- Town of Poncha Springs
- County/Town/City Clerks*
- CMC – Salida Dean, Rob Simpson*
- CC Dems*
- CC Republicans
- BV Library*
- US/State Congressmen
- CCCF*
- BV ISD*
- Salida SD
- BV Chamber*
- Salida Chamber

*Note: * Are groups who have express interest and or commitment in being part of the Project*



EDC* (Economic Development Council)

Optimists*

Rotary Club

Lions Club

Groups for individuals to put forth a symbol/piece of ‘expressions’ representing the Bill of Obligations:

Elementary school (need young person curriculum)

Middle schools

High schools (Seniors in two classes in Salida SD are reading the book)

Veterans

Teachers

Front-line workers

Book clubs

4H

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

BGCC

Pieces of work:

Essay

Video/Reels/Influencers

Poster

Button

Performance

Parade float

Oral Stories

Protest

Timeframe: Media announcement to all Chaffee County media to coincide with National Civic week, March 11-15th. The project will launch April 10th in conjunction with the CMC launch of their series on the Common Reader book: Bill of Obligations with the ending to be the week of October 6-11, when the author will be in the area.



TIME FRAME 2024



<p>Launch of Resolutions to Organizations</p> <p>Launch Pledges</p> <p>Launch of Book Reading Groups</p>	<p>Parade</p>
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<p>Library discussions</p> <p>School reading</p> <p>Launch of 'expression' projects</p>	<p>Competition closes</p> <p>Reviewers select finalist</p> <p>Constitution Day 17th</p>	<p>Award ceremony</p> <p>Possibly author event</p>
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RESOLUTION OF "TOGETHER WE STAND" CHAFFEE COUNTY

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Therefore,

We, _____ hereby endorse and support the principles outlined in the book, *The Bill of Obligations by Richard Hass* focusing on the 10 Habits of Good Citizenship and supporting The Project: "TOGETHER WE STAND" in Chaffee County.

Date: _____



Pledge of Chaffee County Citizens “TOGETHER WE STAND”

I, _____ pledge, as a citizen of the United States, the State of Colorado, and a proud resident of Chaffee County, to honor and uphold the 10 Habits of Good Citizenship:

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Signed: _____ **Date:** _____



WE HAVE, WE JUST NEED.....

WHAT WE HAVE:

- Support by key organizations to include Commissioners, CMC, BV Library, several BV school board members, BV Town Trustees, CCCF (for running financials and resolution), Clerks, BV Chamber.

WHAT WE NEED:

- SPONSORS! In kind and donations for awards. In-kind would be for books, t-shirts, buttons, printing, food for event, event locations, possible author travel, Donations for stipends for teachers, award event food and location, possible author travel
- marketing materials, website flyers, QR codes
- bookmark styled with 10 Habits of Good Citizenship
- someone who can help write k-8 curriculum/book
- reviewers for expressions in September
- everyone to sign pledge, help with getting organizations to sign Resolution
- everyone to pass out posters
- everyone to spread the word

Proposed Logo/Button

