

**TOWN OF GYPSUM,
COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06
(SERIES 2020)**

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE
TOWN OF GYPSUM AT THE APRIL 7, 2020 REGULAR ELECTION A
BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING WHETHER THE TOWN OF GYPSUM,
COLORADO, SHOULD SPEND FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF
THE SWEETWATER LAKE**

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Lake is a 77-acre lake located on the 488-acre Sweetwater Lake Ranch located approximately 10 miles north and west of Gypsum, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Lake was previously open to the public and camping, recreational activities, and school educational trips, but was recently closed to the public and listed for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Valley Land Trust and The Conservation Fund have begun the Save the Lake Campaign to raise \$9.3 million to purchase the Sweetwater Lake Ranch and create new public recreational access to Sweetwater Lake for fishing, horseback riding, boating and camping, opening access to surrounding public lands, conserving critical wildlife habitat, and protecting the Upper Colorado River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, ensuring public access to the Sweetwater Lake Ranch and avoiding its development will benefit the residents of and visitors to the Town of Gypsum by providing recreation, conservation and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gypsum previously pledged \$20,000 to the Save the Lake Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council called the regular election of the Town to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, as a polling place election pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-51 and under the Town Charter ("Charter") and the Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965, and the Uniform Election Code of 1992 ("Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Gypsum has proposed an additional \$80,000 contribution to the Save the Lake Campaign, and has determined that a ballot question should be presented to the Town's eligible electors at the Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Gypsum Colorado, that:

1. At the Election there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the Town a ballot question as stated in the form of ballot title as follows:

WITHOUT RAISING TAXES, SHALL THE TOWN OF GYPSUM CONTRIBUTE \$80,000 TO THE EAGLE VALLEY LAND TRUST'S SAVE THE LAKE CAMPAIGN, IN ADDITION TO \$20,000 PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY THE TOWN, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE 488-ACRE SWEETWATER LAKE RANCH. INCLUDING THE PRIVATELY OWNED PORTION OF SWEETWATER LAKE, BY THE CONSERVATION FUND, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, OR A SIMILAR NON-PROFIT OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION PURPOSES THAT MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO FISHING, HORSEBACK RIDING, BOATING AND CAMPING, OPENING ACCESS TO SURROUNDING PUBLIC LANDS, CONSERVING CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND PROTECTING THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED?


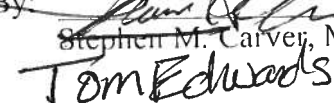

2. If any part or provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Town Council's intention that the various provisions of this Resolution are severable.

3. All acts, orders, and resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Town Council which are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.

4. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against this 14 day of January, 2020.

TOWN OF GYPSUM

By: 
Stephen M. Carver, Mayor
 Tom Edwards
 Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Danette Schlegel
Danette Schlegel, Town Clerk

