CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 21
SERIES 2022

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PLACING INITIATIVE #63 ON THE NOVEMBER 2022 BALLOT

WHEREAS, the City of Cortez believes every student should have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential and to participate meaningfully in the civic and economic life of the community; and

WHEREAS, every student deserves access to inspiring teachers, rigorous and inclusive curriculum, individual attention, quality career and technical options, and appropriate mental and physical health resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that public schools are a cornerstone for democracy, the pillar of thriving communities, the source of a prepared workforce, and an engine for economic success here in Montezuma County and the City of Cortez; and

WHEREAS, great teachers are the foundation of great education and the RE-1 School District, is experiencing a persistent teacher shortage crisis; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's investment in education is lagging behind other states — Colorado has teachers receiving among the least competitive wage in the nation; and

WHEREAS, reduced funding is directly impacting the District's ability to attract, retain, and compensate teachers and student support professionals, while maintaining rigorous and inclusive curriculum, quality career and technical options, and appropriate mental and physical health resources; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #63, which may appear on the 2022 ballot as a proposition, will provide significant additional funding for the RE-1 School District without raising taxes or tax rates by removing these funds from the TABOR limit calculation and directing a portion of this already collected income tax revenue to the constitutionally protected State Education Fund; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #63 will require that these funds are used to attract, retain, and compensate teachers and student support professionals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declares that Initiative #63 is a matter of official concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cortez officially declares its support for including Initiative #63 on the ballot for the November 2022 election in order to allow voters to decide whether or not to support the measure.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th day of JUNE, 2022.

CITY OF CORTEZ

RACHEL B. MEDINA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA L. SMITH, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL F. GREEN, City Attorney