



**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF A LARIMER COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE IMPOSING A 0.25% COUNTYWIDE SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF LARIMER COUNTY**

**Resolution 2018-16**

WHEREAS, the term “mental health” refers to cognitive, behavioral, and emotional wellbeing that can affect daily life, relationships, psychological resilience and even physical health; and

WHEREAS, mental illness and substance use disorders are treatable chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, mental illness and substance use disorders are serious health issues for one in five people in Larimer County, including children, teens, adults and seniors; and

WHEREAS, although great strides have been made, many of our district residents experience the negative effects of mental health issues themselves or through family members, neighbors or friends; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive, community-based services that respond to those with mental health needs are cost-effective, and access to necessary medication and appropriate treatment helps prevent individuals from ending up in emergency rooms and the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the provision of a continuum of mental health services in our community is critical to individuals, families, schools, businesses, law enforcement and healthcare providers, and there is a strong and growing body of evidence that supports the cost effectiveness and benefits to communities that have successfully implemented continuums of mental health and related care; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Larimer adopted Resolution No. 07242018R013, which placed on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot a ballot issue that, if passed, would increase the County’s sales and use taxes by one quarter of one percent (0.25%), with the revenue from such tax being used to provide detox, behavioral and mental health care services and facilities to residents of the Health District and Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, Larimer County taxes would be expected to increase by \$19,000,000 in 2019, and by whatever additional amount is raised annually thereafter for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Health District of Northern Larimer County finds that the funding provided by this tax would be an investment in significantly improving the health of the residents of the Health District and Larimer County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HEALTH DISTRICT OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Directors hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

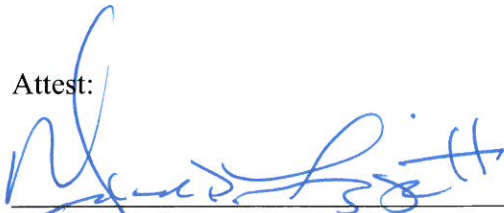
Section 2. That for the reasons set forth above, the Board of Directors fully supports the passage of the Larimer County ballot issue described herein.

Section 3. That the Board of Directors urges every Larimer County registered voter to vote "YES" on the November 6, 2018 ballot issue to increase sales and use taxes by 0.25% to support mental health care services in Larimer County.

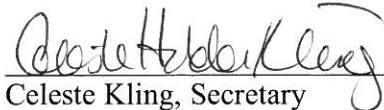
ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Health District of Northern Larimer County this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2018.

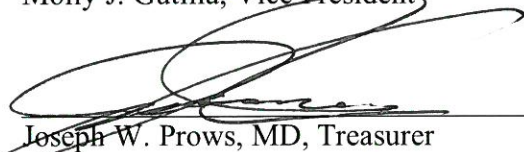
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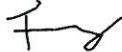
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Molly J. Gutilla, Vice President

  
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Celeste Kling, Secretary

  
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UC Health-North/PVHS Board Liaison