

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
SUPPORTING A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM
BY ARAPAHOE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee (CWAC) established by Executive Order B 006 08 on April 16, 2008, examined the child welfare system over the course of eighteen months and developed twenty-nine recommendations to improve the safety of vulnerable children in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County supported the creation of the Governor's CWAC and endorsed twenty-seven of the twenty-nine recommendations that originated from it; and

WHEREAS, many recommendations from the Governor's CWAC have already been implemented including the Child Welfare Training Academy and the Differential Response Pilot; and

WHEREAS, National data from the United States Department of Human Services shows that the rate of child fatalities due to abuse or neglect per 100,000 children is slightly higher for state administered systems than county administered systems; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, the percent of child fatalities with prior county involvement has declined over a seven year period from 56% to 24%; and

WHEREAS, recommendation number 29 was to structurally reorganize the delivery of human services in the state, not just the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation, despite the work and focus of the Governor's CWAC on child welfare, implicated all of human services including, but not limited to, food stamps, child care, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Commissioners have asked the City of Cherry Hills Village to join them in advocating for local administration of the social services system in order to maximize the flexibility and responsiveness of the system to local needs, while ensuring efficient management and local control; and

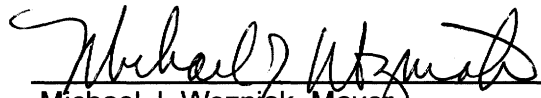
WHEREAS, the City is generally opposed to any action that has as its objective centralization of government in large units to the detriment of Colorado's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE:

The City Council strongly supports a locally administered human services system by Arapahoe County and opposes recommendation 29 of the Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.


Introduced, passed and adopted at the
regular meeting of City Council this 21st day
of September, 2010, by a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.


Michael J. Wozniak, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Laura Smith, City Clerk


Kenneth S. Fellman, City Attorney

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