

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 56
Series of 2010

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL
ADMINISTRATION OF COLORADO'S HUMAN SERVICES
SYSTEM**

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 18 months and developed 35 recommendations to improve the safety of vulnerable children in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, one of the Governor's CWAC recommendations was to structurally reorganize the delivery of human services in the State, not just the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County supported the creation of the Governor's CWAC and endorsed 27 of the 29 recommendations that originated from it; 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, the Jefferson Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution of support for locally administered human services, and is asking municipal City Councils to examine this complex issue and adopt a similar resolution; and

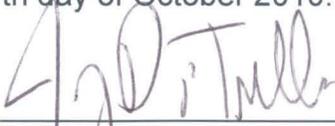
WHEREAS, this recommendation, despite the work and focus of the Governor's CWAC on child welfare, implicated all of human services including, but not limited to, food stamps, child care, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (FANF); and

WHEREAS, the Wheat Ridge City Council supports the 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, that the Wheat Ridge City Council is committed to enhancing the accountability of both State and local governments' management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wheat Ridge City Council supports a locally-administered human services system.

DONE AND RESOLVED THIS 11th day of October 2010.



Jerry DiTullio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael D. Snow, City Clerk