Resolution 20 - 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PATHS TO MESA VERDE TRAIL PROJECT – CPW NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

WHEREAS, the Paths to Mesa Verde is a proposed non-motorized trail project that would connect Cortez, Mancos, and Mesa Verde National Park; and

WHEREAS, the Paths to Mesa Verde trail project would promote outdoor recreation, provide safe bicycle and pedestrian connections between communities, and support economic development related to outdoor tourism in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Paths to Mesa Verde trail project requires coordination and partnership between Montezuma County, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Mesa Verde National Park, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Paths to Mesa Verde trail project would require capital funding for design and construction, as well as long-term maintenance funding; and

WHEREAS, Montezuma County acknowledges its financial and legal obligations related to the trail project, including commitments to provide local match funding and maintain the trail after construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County hereby:

- 1. Expresses its awareness of and support for the Paths to Mesa Verde trail project.
- 2. Recognizes the County's financial and legal obligations related to the project.
- 3. Commits to supporting the project through completion and providing long-term maintenance

4. Agrees that the trail will be under the control and jurisdiction of Montezuma County and the Colorado Department of Transportation for at least 25 years after construction.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day of September, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board