

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 41-R-2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF A MEAD, COLORADO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
RAISE THE BAR, PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTION INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Mead, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Mead, Colorado, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees are the elected officials closest to the constituents in Mead, and

WHEREAS, Colorado law requires the same citizen initiative process to amend the Constitution and state statutes creating a process for one of the most easily amended Constitutions in the country, and

WHEREAS, under the current initiative process, there is no incentive to seek a statutory change as opposed to a constitutional amendment since the standard to change both is the same, and

WHEREAS, since 2005, special interests have presented Colorado voters with over two dozen constitutional amendments, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the ease of amending Colorado's constitution leaves the state vulnerable to "out of state" special interest groups, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that amendments to the Constitution should be broadly and not narrowly supported, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that broad support would be shown by including all Coloradans in the signature gathering process with signatures obtained from all 35 state senate districts before a measure qualifies for the ballot, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that once on the ballot, broad support would be shown by achieving 55% of the vote to pass instead of the current requirement of a simple majority, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Raise the Bar, Protect Our Constitution initiative preserves voters' rights to propose changes and place an initiative on the ballot.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees for the Town of Mead, support Raise the Bar, Protect our Constitution's initiative that makes it harder to amend the Colorado Constitution.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND SIGNED THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE 2016.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MEAD

By Linda Blackston By
Linda Blackston, CMC, Town Clerk

Gary R. Shields
Gary R. Shields, Mayor

