

**Resolution for the Support of Local Administration of
Colorado's Human Services System
and a Commitment to Excellence**

RESOLUTION 36-2010

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 thirty-five recommendations to improve the safety of vulnerable children in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Montrose 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, 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, 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, Colorado Counties Inc.'s (CCI) Health and Human Services Policy Statement states that CCI supports and "advocates 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, CCI's bylaws state our opposition to any movement that has as its objective centralization of government in large units to the detriment of Colorado's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Montrose County reaffirms its commitment to excellence in the provision of human services and child welfare;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Montrose County is committed to continuous quality improvement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Montrose County is committed to enhancing the accountability of both state and local governments' management;

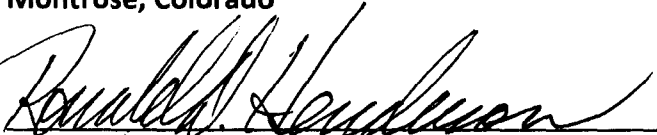
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Montrose County reaffirms its support for a locally-administered human services system.

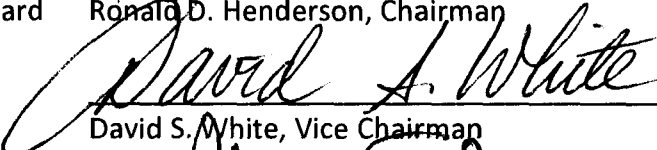
Approved and adopted this 6th day of July, 2010.

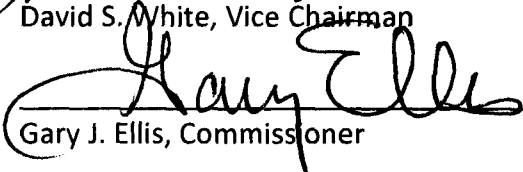
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