RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION OF ADAMS COUNTY'S CLEAR CREEK TRAILHEAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Adams County voters approved an Open Space Sales Tax on November 2, 1999, to be used in accordance with Resolution 99-1; and,

WHEREAS, Adams County received an Open Space Sales Tax grant on November 6, 2014 for the Clear Creek Trailhead Reconstruction project for a total of \$200,000; and,

WHEREAS, the project included improvements to the Lafayette Park Trailhead along the Clear Creek Trail; and,

WHEREAS, planned improvements included drainage, redesign of the parking lot, installation of an entrance sign and improved lighting for security; and,

WHEREAS, Adams County staff determined the improvements to renovate the Lafayette Park Trailhead would cost much more than anticipated; and,

WHEREAS, representatives from Adams County, the Clear Creek Watershed Foundation and the Colorado Department of Transportation mutually agreed to focus on restoring the property to an upland riparian condition and removing that trail access point; and,

WHEREAS, Adams County staff plans to make improvements to the Engineers Lake Trailhead, which is located less than one mile east of the Lafayette Park Trailhead; and,

WHEREAS, Engineers Lake Trailhead improvements will ensure adequate trail access from the Welby neighborhood in light of the Lafayette Park Trailhead closure; and,

WHEREAS, improvements to the Engineers Lake Trailhead include a new parking surface with landscaping, stormwater detention, signage and solar lighting; and,

WHEREAS, Adams County submitted a modification requesting approval to proceed with the grant award of \$200,000 for the Lafayette Park restoration and Engineers Lake Trailhead improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board voted unanimously in support of the modification on July 27, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Colorado, that Adams County's Open Space Grant modification request to proceed with the Clear Creek Trailhead Reconstruction project for a total of \$200,000 is hereby approved.