

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
ADAMS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TAX LEVY INCREASE FOR THE URBAN DRAINAGE  
AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Resolution 2018-XXX

WHEREAS, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (the “District”) is a body corporate and politic, a political subdivision, and municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, duly organized and existing pursuant to Article 11 of Title 32, C.R.S.; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the District primarily consists of elected officials of the cities and counties within the District’s boundaries in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties and professional stormwater engineers; and

WHEREAS, it is the District’s mission to keep people and property safe from flood damage in the Denver metropolitan area and to protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the District, in carrying out that mission, is responsible for fortifying and restoring the natural and beneficial functions of all the creeks, rivers, and streams within its boundaries in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties; and,

WHEREAS, the District also manages thousands of acres of open space in floodplains located within its boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, those floodplain open spaces promote wildlife habitat and provide trails and public recreational access to those open space areas; and,

WHEREAS, the District, as part of its mission, also builds and maintains trails along creeks and rivers including bike paths, walking trails, and bridges that cross those creeks and rivers; and,

WHEREAS, the District manages a network of flood detection and early warning equipment so that if a high water or flood event were about to hit the region, there would be an early warning to the public to prepare and evacuate; and,

WHEREAS, the District, as part of its regular maintenance, removes debris, garbage, and obstructions from streams, creeks, and rivers making them not only safer and more beautiful, but also promoting the recreational use of those waters; and,

WHEREAS, the District partners with local governments, including Adams County to construct drainage and flood control facilities to reduce flooding and thus provides protection to the public and its property; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years, the District has contributed funds and expertise to projects within Adams County; and,

WHEREAS, those drainage and flood control facilities are also designed to increase the quality of the water going into regional streams and lakes; and,

WHEREAS, the District carries out continuing research regarding technology that will make our water cleaner and help the local governments within its boundaries, including Adams County, to comply with the Clean Water Act; and,

WHEREAS, the District is the leading force preventing growth from occurring in low-lying floodplains by assisting local governments, including Adams County in reviewing and evaluating proposed new development for the purpose of ensuring that any new development does not increase the risk of flooding; and,

WHEREAS, the seven-county Denver metropolitan area regularly experiences intense rainfall and through the efforts of the District, the people Adams County are now safer and their property is more secure; and,

WHEREAS, all of these tasks require the expenditure of funds that the District primarily obtains through taxation of property within its boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, since 1992, as a result of TABOR, the District has experienced a steady decrease in tax revenue; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018 the gap between project needs and the funds available is \$24 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, this funding gap has also reduced the District's ability to assist local governments, including Adams County in funding the construction of projects, increasing the financial burden on Adams County in completing these drainage and flood control projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has voted unanimously to place a ballot issue before the voters in the election being held on November 6, 2018 for voter approval to close the funding gap; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot issue, if passed, would cost the average homeowner \$1.97 (or less than 17 cents/month) per \$100,000 of actual home value in 2019; and,

WHEREAS, if passed, the ballot issue would provide the District with approximately \$14.9 million dollars in 2019 to carry out its mission of keeping people and property safe from flood damage; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of Adams County that closing the District's funding gap will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the people living and working within Adams County; and,

WHEREAS, citizens can learn more about the District at [www.udfcd.org](http://www.udfcd.org).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County, State of Colorado, that:

1. Adams County recommends that every elector give the District's ballot issue serious consideration and strongly support it on November 6, 2018 with their vote of "Yes".
2. Further, Adams County urges each and every elector to tell their friends and neighbors about this ballot issue and to urge them, as well, to vote "Yes" on the ballot issue.
3. Adams County officials are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution and make it available to the public.