RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE SALES TAX PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

WHEREAS, Adams County voters authorized an increase in an existing countywide sales tax from one-fifth of one percent to one-fourth of one percent, and extended the sales tax through December 31, 2026, in accordance with Resolutions 99-1 and 2004-1; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 99-1 specifies that officers and employees of the county are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Adams County Open Space Program Policies and Procedures, which set forth the process and policies governing the administration of the Open Space Sales Tax program; and,

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013, January 6, 2014, and September 27, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners adopted amendments to the Adams County Open Space Program Policies and Procedures after input from the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board and applicants to the Open Space Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, additional amendments are proposed to improve the process and ensure that adequate funding is available for applicants; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts Department staff reviewed the proposed changes with the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board and applicants to the Open Space Grant Program with none objecting; and,

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting held on April 29, 2020, the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board unanimously recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Colorado, that the amended Adams County Open Space Sales Tax Program Policies and Procedures, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, be and hereby is approved and adopted.