

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ADAMS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA REGARDING A SHARED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER POSITION

WHEREAS, Section 18(2) of Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution and Sections 29-1-201, *et seq.* and 29-20-105 of the Colorado Revised Statutes authorize and encourage governments to cooperate by contracting with one another for their mutual benefit; and,

WHEREAS, each county in Colorado has a veteran's service office that offers free assistance to veterans through a veteran service officer(s); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora enjoys a strong partnership with both Arapahoe County and Adams County and supports the counties' efforts to provide assistance to veterans through its veterans service offices located in Westminster (Adams) and Littleton (Arapahoe); and,

WHEREAS, with the opening of the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System ("VA Hospital") in Aurora, the parties believe that a placement of a veteran services officer near the VA Hospital will be a great benefit to their resident veterans; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have committed to a pilot program for one (1) year to share the responsibility of a veteran's service officer position on the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, during this pilot program, Arapahoe County would employ the veterans service officer, dividing the compensation evenly with Adams County, and host the position at Arapahoe County's location ten (10) minutes from the VA Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, during this pilot program, the City of Aurora will provide office supplies such as a computer, printer/fax machine, desk and chairs; and,

WHEREAS, the parties agree that this additional veteran services officer will help to meet the needs of resident veterans from the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Colorado, that the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Adams, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Arapahoe and the City of Aurora, regarding a shared Veterans Service Officer Position is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute said Intergovernmental Agreement.