

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE,
COLORADO, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE
ENVIRONMENT AND REDUCE PUBLIC LIABILITIES RELATIVE TO
MINING ACTIVITIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0215-05

RECITALS:

- A. The Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado, and residents of Mountain Village, agree that water bodies, streams and rivers should be adequately protected; and that the local economy has benefitted from the protection of the watershed and the environment; and
- B. Colorado's rivers and streams have been impacted by historic mining activities that were not conducted in an environmentally protective manner, including the San Miguel River as it runs through the Telluride Valley; and
- C. Our Town government and community has worked successfully and cooperatively through the years with many partners to support reclamation and restoration activities in the San Miguel River watershed; and
- D. Sound and reasonable mining regulations that protect the public interest and require future mines to conduct operations in a manner that does not cause a public fiscal burden is in the best interests of the people of Colorado; and
- E. The State of Colorado should have all reasonable authorities and powers to require adequate financial assurances and guarantees from mining operators so that the costs of reclamation and protecting water quality do not fall on the public; and
- F. Mines that cannot operate in a manner that will not permanently impair water supplies, rivers and streams should not be permitted in the future; and
- G. The Colorado General Assembly should pass a bill that will provide the State of Colorado with the authority to require adequate financial assurances to protect both water quality and the public, and provide for the treatment of mine water and maintenance of water treatment plants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, COLORADO as follows: The Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado, hereby expresses its support of changes to the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act that implement these protections and urges the Colorado General Assembly to adopt them as law.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by a majority of the Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado at its regular meeting on February 15, 2018.

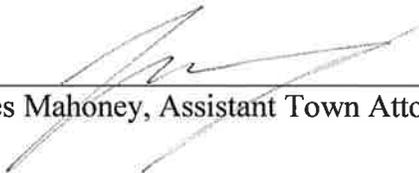
TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE,
COLORADO, a home rule municipality

By: 
Laila Benitez, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Susan Johnston, Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
James Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney