RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES OF 2024

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN FREMONT COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-101(2), the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners has the duty and authority to provide for public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §30-11-101(1)(c), the Board is empowered to make such orders respecting County owned real property and personal property as may be deemed by the Board of County Commissioners to be in the best interests of the County and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 24-131 with an effective date of July 1, 2024, which prohibits the carrying of firearms in sensitive places; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24-131 creates C.R.S. §18-12-105.3, which prohibits the carrying of firearms in government buildings; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §18-12-105.3(4)(b) permits the County to enact an ordinance, regulation, or other law to permit the lawful carrying of firearms in County buildings other than the Courthouse and certain locations related to elections; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of Colorado provides that all "persons have certain inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness"; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution of Colorado provides that the "right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board took an oath to support and defend the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the laws of the State of Colorado, insofar as they are constitutional; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to affirm its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Colorado Constitution protecting citizens' inalienable and individual right to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners that otherwise lawful possession of firearms is permitted in all County owned buildings except the Courthouse and any posted location during an election cycle where ballots are issued, cast, or counted.

Commissioner _____ moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution, seconded by Commissioner _____ and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Debbie Bell	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kevin Grantham	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dwayne McFall	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREMONT COUNTY ATTEST:

By: _____

Chairman

By: _____

Clerk to the Board