CERTIFIED RECORD

OF

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO, CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY OF A REFERRED BALLOT QUESTION AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 COORDINATED ELECTION REGARDING WHETHER THE COUNTY MAY INCREASE THE COUNTY’S AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND THEREAFTER, AND TO INCREASE THE COUNTY’S REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND THEREAFTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH TAX REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED
STATE OF COLORADO  )
County of San Miguel  ) ss.

The Board of County Commissioner of San Miguel County, Colorado, met in regular
session in full conformity with applicable Colorado law and the rules of the County, at the
County Courthouse in Telluride, Colorado, on the 6th day of September, 2017, at 11:15
A. M.

Upon roll call the following commissioners were present, constituting a quorum:

Chair: Joan May
Commissioners: Hilary Cooper
                        Kris Holstrom

Also present:

Chief Deputy Clerk: Carmen Warfield
County Administrator: Lynn Black
County Attorney: Steven J. Zwick

Thereupon Commissioner May introduced a Resolution as follows:
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO CONCERNED WITH SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE COUNTY’S AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND THEREAFTER, AND TO INCREASE THE COUNTY’S REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAx REVENUES RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND THEREAFTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH TAX REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED

Resolution No. 2017-30

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution, also known as the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (“TABOR”), no District may impose any property tax mill levy above that for the prior year without obtaining voter approval in advance, nor may any District increase its Revenue or Spending limits in excess of inflation from the prior year (determined by the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index) plus the annual local growth (percent change in actual value of all taxable real property), subject to certain allowable adjustments, without voter approval.

WHEREAS, § 29-1-301, C.R.S. limits the annual growth of the County’s ad valorem property tax revenue to 5.5 percent above the revenue generated in the previous year, unless a majority of the registered electors of the County voting thereon approve an increase in the amount of property tax revenues beyond 5.5 percent.

WHEREAS, the County Assessor has advised the Board of County Commissioners that the County’s total assessed valuation for ad valorem property tax purposes for 2017 is currently estimated to be $822,520,360, and that an increase in the ad valorem property tax levy of three-quarters (0.75) of one mill would therefore generate approximately $616,890, in additional property tax revenues.

WHEREAS, an increase in the San Miguel County General Fund property tax mill levy in 2017, for property taxes due and payable in 2018, of three-quarters (0.75) of one mill is estimated to generate property tax revenues in excess of the limits allowed by both TABOR and § 29-1-301, C.R.S., thereby requiring voter approval.

WHEREAS, Key Stakeholders from an early childhood advocacy committee known as Strong Start, Strong Community, whose purpose is to address the needs and issues related to the availability, accessibility and affordability of early childhood care and education choices in San Miguel County has requested voter approval at the November 2017 coordinated election in San Miguel County for a referred Ballot Measure which proposes a property tax of three-quarters of one mill (0.75) for the purpose of improving availability, accessibility, quality and affordability of early childhood education in San Miguel County.
WHEREAS, the funds generated from the proposed mill levy shall be designated exclusively for the purpose of improving the availability, quality, and affordability of early childhood care and education in San Miguel County in order to meet existing and projected future demands, which will in turn preserve the benefits, both economic and otherwise, that the childcare industry provides in San Miguel County, such funds to be deposited into a dedicated San Miguel County fund entitled the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund, and such funds shall not be available for any other purpose.

WHEREAS, the funds generated from the mill levy shall be apportioned by the Board of County Commissioners in consideration of the annual recommendations of an early childhood advisory panel consisting of representatives selected by the Board of County Commissioners. At a minimum, this panel will contain one San Miguel County Commissioner, one representative appointed by the Telluride School District, one representative appointed by the Norwood School District, an Early Childhood Council representative selected by the Early Childhood Council and a community member at large selected by the Board of County Commissioners. The panel will make data driven decisions annually that inform the distribution of funds among various programs designed to address the needs specific to the early childhood industry in San Miguel County, which programs may include, but are not limited to: (1) capacity building (increasing the number of children that childcare providers can serve at one time); (2) recruitment, training and retention of early childhood professionals; (3) support for improving the quality of early childhood care and education programs and facilities; (4) and financial assistance to families so all children can receive early childhood care and education.

WHEREAS, San Miguel County is facing a critical shortage in early childhood care and education. There are 383 children under 5 years old in San Miguel County and only 211 childcare slots. Almost half of our children don’t have access to early childhood education. In 2008 childcare providers had a licensed capacity to serve 353 children at one time, including 60 children served by drop in providers.

WHEREAS, Providing quality child care is a good investment for our community, businesses and jobs. It allows parents to work the full time jobs that are so important to our community, while they know their children are in a safe, healthy learning environment.

WHEREAS, approval of the mill levy will benefit San Miguel County by allowing providers to meet the growing demands on the early childhood care and education industry; by increasing the number of children in San Miguel County who will have access to quality early childhood care and education that is safe and affordable; by decreasing staff turnover in industries other than early childhood care and education, thereby providing a stable and reliable local workforce and reducing expenditures associated with staff turnover; and by preserving the character and vitality of the San Miguel County community by enabling parents to work and raise their children locally.
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby find and determine that the health, safety and welfare of San Miguel County residents and other members of the public would benefit from the proposed mill levy if the majority of San Miguel County electors casting ballots at the November 7, 2017 coordinated election approve such an increase in the County’s property tax mill levy to be dedicated to the County’s Early Childhood Care and Education Fund.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 1-5-203(3)(a), C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners must certify the ballot contents regarding County issues to be submitted for voter approval to the San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder no later than sixty days before the November 7, 2017 coordinated election to be held as a coordinated election pursuant to § 1-7-116, C.R.S.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the proposed ballot issue attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be considered at the November 7, 2017 coordinated election, and has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of San Miguel County and the public will be served if said ballot issue is submitted to the County’s registered electors in order that additional property tax revenues may be generated and expended in 2018 and annually thereafter, to be budgeted and appropriated to the County’s dedicated Early Childhood Care and Education Fund for the purposes set forth in said ballot issue, until and unless repealed by a majority of the registered electors of San Miguel County voting thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, to certify to the San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder that the issue attached hereto as Exhibit A be placed on the November 7, 2017 coordinated election ballot.

SAID BALLOT ISSUE shall be voted upon only by San Miguel County, Colorado, registered electors eligible to vote at the November 7, 2017 coordinated election.

If the San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder certifies, in the manner provided by law, that a majority of the legally eligible registered electors of San Miguel County, voting on said issue cast their votes in favor of the ballot issue attached hereto as Exhibit A, said increase in the San Miguel County property tax revenues dedicated to the County’s Early Childhood Care and Education Fund, and increases in the County’s revenue and spending limits, totaling $616,890 for the 2018 fiscal year, shall become effective for 2017 County property taxes due and payable in 2018 and for each year thereafter until and unless repealed by a majority of the registered electors of San Miguel County voting thereon; and the Board of County Commissioners shall establish and implement a program consistent with the purposes stated herein and stated in said ballot issue.

DONE AND APPROVED by the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners at a duly noticed public meeting held in Telluride, Colorado on September 6, 2017.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO

By: Joan May, Chair

ATTEST:

Hillary Cooper  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent
Kris Holstrom  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent
Jean May  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent

Carmen K. Welford
Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board
EXHIBIT A

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY REFERRED MEASURE 1A – AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX OF THREE-QUARTERS (0.75) OF ONE MILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY.

SHALL SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO, TAXES BE INCREASED $616,890 ANNUALLY THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY 2017 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY OF THREE-QUARTERS (0.75) OF ONE MILL, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER BY THE AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT IS GENERATED IN THOSE SUBSEQUENT YEARS THROUGH SUCH INCREASED PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF THREE-QUARTERS (0.75) OF ONE MILL, WHICH IS FIVE DOLLARS FORTY CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF A HOME’S 2017 APPRAISED VALUE; FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AVAILABILITY, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INCREASE CAPACITY SO FAMILIES THAT REQUIRE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION HAVE ACCESS.
- RECRUIT, TRAIN AND RETAIN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS.
- SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.
- PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SO ALL CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION.

FUNDS WILL BE APPORTIONED BASED ON DATA DRIVEN COMMUNITY NEEDS EACH YEAR BY AN INDEPENDENT EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY PANEL COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AT A MINIMUM, THIS PANEL WILL INCLUDE ONE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONER, ONE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE TELLURIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ONE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO BE SELECTED BY THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL, AND A COMMUNITY MEMBER AT LARGE TO BE SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND SHALL SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS BEYOND THOSE AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE TAXPAYER’S BILL OF RIGHTS OR “TABOR,” AND SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES AND ASSOCIATED GRANTS, TO BE BUDGETED AND APPROPRIATED TO THE COUNTY’S DEDICATED EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSES STATED.
HEREINABOVE, UNTIL AND UNLESS REPEALED BY A MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY VOTING THEREON?
Commissioner Holstrom moved that the Resolution be passed and adopted.
Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.

The question being upon the passage and adoption of the Resolution, the roll was called with the following result:

Those voting YES: Joan May
Hilary Cooper
Kris Holstrom

Those voting NO: None

The Chair thereupon declared that a majority of all of the Commissioners elected having voted in favor thereof, the motion was carried, and the Resolution duly passed and adopted.

Thereupon, after consideration of other business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned.

Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

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