

**RESOLUTION NO. 1611**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL  
REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTH TABLE  
MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE**

WHEREAS, the City of Golden has long supported the acquisition of North Table Mountain as open space as represented by the City of Golden Open Lands Project; and

WHEREAS, virtually all of the top of North Table Mountain has been acquired and preserved as Open Space, most recently via the historic Lafarge open space acquisition; and

WHEREAS, North Table Mountain Open Space is proximal to densely populated City of Golden neighborhoods and interfaces with existing City of Golden trails; and

WHEREAS, North Table Mountain is a significant scenic, historic and natural area landmark residing in great part in the City of Golden and that with South Table Mountain forms a gateway to Golden and the Mountain Backdrop; and

WHEREAS, North Table Mountain was acquired as open space in large part because of its natural values and because the mesa is home to a delicate balance of flora, fauna and wildlife representative of the mountain-plains transition zone, as documented in the "Natural Heritage Inventory of Jefferson County, CO", prepared for the Jefferson County Open Space Program in 1993; and

WHEREAS, North Table Mountain provides prairie-like sweeping vistas high above the surrounding terrain, creating a quiet refuge for contemplation, introspection and inspiration; and


WHEREAS, because the Colorado Natural Heritage Program designated 85% of the park as a Conservation Site and noted that the lichen rock garden and native grassland communities are extremely sensitive to disturbance from trampling (North Table Mountain Concept Plan dated July 15, 2004), the sensitive ecology of North Table Mountain requires carefully considered, conservative management as Open Space; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Open Space program currently provides 113 miles of biking/multiple use trails, and only 24 miles of hiking-only trails and zero miles of equestrian trails free of mountain bikes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. City Council hereby respectfully recommends that North Table Mountain Open Space be conservatively managed by the Jefferson County Open Space Department with trails that are open to pedestrian and equestrian use only and located to protect the sensitive habitats and quiet character of the area.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005

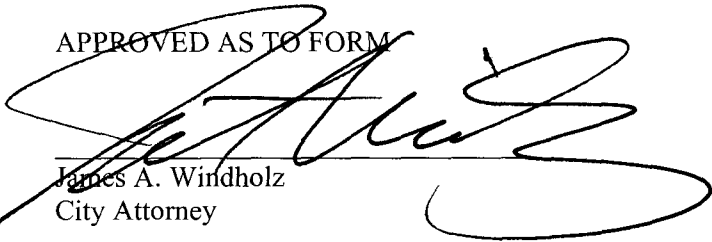
  
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Charles J. Baroch  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, MMC  
City Clerk

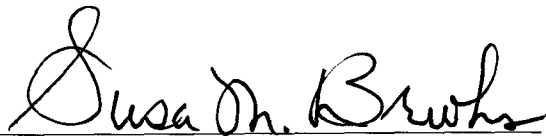
APPROVED AS TO FORM



James A. Windholz  
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D., 2005.

(SEAL)

ATTEST: 

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of  
Golden, Colorado