RESOLUTION NO. 2040

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMING GOLDEN AS AN INCLUSIVE CITY AND ITS COMMITMENT TO AVOIDING MAJOR HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES WHEN SCHEDULING CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Golden is committed to building an inclusive community in which everyone in the community feels welcome and respected; and

WHEREAS, building an inclusive community promotes equal opportunity, fairness, and participation in civic life by community members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Golden joined the National League of Cities Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities in 2006 as part of our commitment to inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, building an inclusive community includes working to ensure people of all religious faiths feel welcome and respected; and

WHEREAS, one way in which the City of Golden can help build an inclusive community is to avoid scheduling City Council meetings and other public input meetings during major religious holidays and observances; and

WHEREAS, there are also several widely recognized secular holidays that the City of Golden should also avoid when scheduling City Council meetings and other public input meetings.

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

Section 1. The City of Golden hereby reaffirms our commitment to building an inclusive community, pledges active efforts to seek to achieve that goal, and invites all residents of Golden to join together in supporting this effort.

Section 2. In our effort to be inclusive, the City of Golden will make every attempt to avoid scheduling City Council or other public input meetings on major holidays and observances, as well as major secular holidays and observances, which will include the following:

New Year's Day*
Passover (first, second, and last days)**
Easter
Shavuot**
Memorial Day*
Independence Day*

Labor Day*
Rosh Hashanah**
Yom Kippur**
Sukkot (first and last days)**
Eid al Fitr**
Thanksgiving*

Chanukah (first

day)**

Eid al Adha**
Christmas*
Kwanzaa

^{*}Denotes City holidays

^{**}Holiday begins at sunset the day before

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Section 3. While avoiding major religious and secular holidays and observances, the City of Golden also recognizes that, while Muslims pray daily, the Friday mid-day prayer is pivotal to Muslim faith and culture and the City will attempt to avoid scheduling City Council or other public input meetings on Friday at mid-day.

Adopted this 25th day of February, 2010.

Jacob Smith

ATTEST:

Susan M. Brooks, MMC

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David S. Williamson

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 business meeting thereof held on the 25th day of February, A.D., 2010.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of

Golden, Colorado