

RESOLUTION NO . 1529

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE ROCKY FLATS COLD
WAR MUSEUM AT THE FORMER PLANT SITE**

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Operations Office of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission selected the Rocky Flats site for Project APPLE on March 27, 1951; and

WHEREAS, the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant was built in 1951 in northern Jefferson County to produce the essential components of nearly every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal as part of the nation's Nuclear Weapons Complex until production ceased in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Flats was an important part of the local, national and international history of the Cold War, the central conflict of the second half of the 20th century in which two superpowers, the United States and the former Soviet Union, developed nuclear weapons and political alliances to protect their interests; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Flats provided a variety of good, stable jobs and economic development in the northwest Denver Metropolitan area for 50-some years during the plant's operation and subsequent closure and cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the cities and counties near the plant were involved with emergency response planning and annual exercises to be prepared in the event of accidental contaminant releases from Rocky Flats; and

WHEREAS, conflicts surrounding the Rocky Flats' mission, activities and potential health and environmental impacts on surrounding communities dominated news media coverage for decades, which sometimes affected officials and residents.

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


Section 1. That we support the concept of the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum remembering workers, documenting the historic, scientific and environmental legacies of Rocky Flats, and acknowledging the significant impact it had on nearby communities, the state, the country and the world.

Section 2. That we support the collection of Rocky Flats artifacts and oral histories to preserve the multi-faceted history of this site.

Section 3. That we support locating such a museum at the Rocky Flats site where a wildlife refuge will be established.

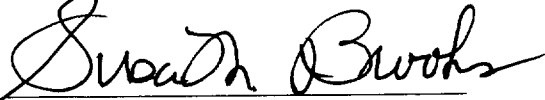
Section 4. That we acknowledge the potential for such a museum to be a tourist attraction and center for research and education for nearby schools and colleges.

Adopted the 18th day of November, 2004.



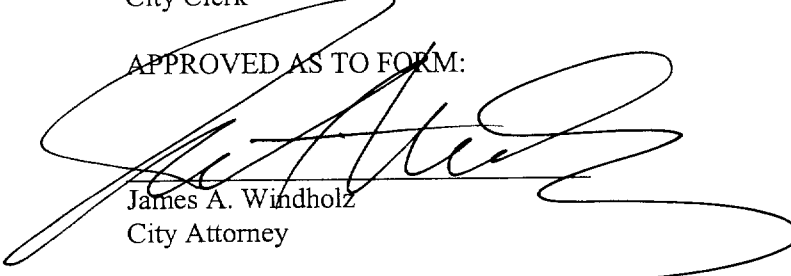
Charles J. Baroch
Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

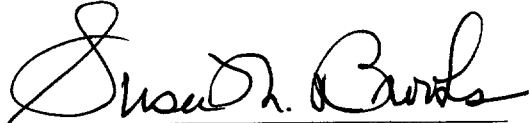


James A. Windholz
City Attorney

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 18th day of November, A.D., 2004.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



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