

## **RESOLUTION NO. 11 (2021)**

### **A RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO (AGNC) AND COLORADO REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS: The Craig City Council acknowledges that the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) is composed of but not limited to the geographical area known as the State of Colorado Planning and Management Region 11; and

WHEREAS: The “Region” is comprised of Western Colorado Counties of Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt along with associate members Delta, Montrose, and Grand Counties; and

WHEREAS: AGNC was created pursuant to Article XIV, Section 18 {2} of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S., Chapter 88, Article 2, 1963 as amended, and shall exercise and discharge its powers and duties as provided by State law and accordingly shall provide legislative issue analysis of regional issues including but not limited to Federal/State Public lands, Wilderness, Air or Water Quality proposals and Colorado, White or Yampa River Basin water issues; and

WHEREAS: Redistricting for Congressional Districts are done every ten (10) years following the completion of the decennial census of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Colorado voters have determined redistricting shall be accomplished through independent redistricting commissions; and

WHEREAS: Redistricting commissions are required to conduct hearings throughout the state and develop Congressional districting maps for use over the next ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS: Members of the public may present proposed redistricting maps and written comments for the commission’s consideration and submit such maps and/or written comments via the commission website; and

WHEREAS: The commission must adopt a final map and submit it to the Colorado Supreme Court for review and the Supreme Court must approve a Congressional redistricting map by December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS: The Craig City Council is in agreeance with AGNC that the interests of Western Colorado cannot be adequately represented by candidates hailing from large metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS: The Craig City Council is in agreeance with AGNC that the Western Slope of Colorado is largely part of the Third Congressional District where the counties and communities have strongly related issues creating an irreversible bond as a “community of interest”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CRAIG CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO:**

The City of Craig supports the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado in their position that the Western Slope of Colorado, bound together as a strong “community of interest,” be made into a single Congressional District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CRAIG CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO:**

The City of Craig supports AGNC in their opposition for any plan for redistricting that would divide the Western Slope among Congressional Districts.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liz White, City Clerk