

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**_____
COUNTY OF ROUTT)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING HB1139
AND MOVING ROUTT COUNTY TO A 1-A COUNTY AND CONCERNING
SALARIES OF LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-2-102 (1.5)(a) currently designates Routt County as a Category II-A county for the purpose of fixing salaries of County Officers; and

WHEREAS, Routt County is home to Steamboat Springs and the Steamboat Ski Resort; and

WHEREAS, Routt County has a high cost of living where property valuations are growing at a very high rate; and

WHEREAS, Routt County has increased compensation levels and benefits over the past 16 months for appointed officials. The elected officials have not benefitted from the majority of these adjustments; and

WHEREAS, in many County Offices the appointed officials are compensated at much higher levels than the elected officials making succession planning difficult; and

WHEREAS, with Routt County’s high property valuation, low unemployment, and high demand for housing, the benefits of a rural resort economy come with significant costs for housing, utilities, food, childcare, and support services. Routt County’s local workforce continues to struggle with the high cost of living, to which the elected officials are not immune; and

WHEREAS, Routt County has the tax resources to fund increased salaries. The re-categorization to 1-A would help our elected officials better serve our residents with a salary more commensurate with their workload in a high-cost resort area; and

WHEREAS, moving Routt County to 1-A would help offset the substantial workloads and responsibilities of the elected officials, who often contend with issues related to important regional topics such as tourism, rural housing, wildfire mitigation, and water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Routt County, Colorado (the "Board"), as follows:

The Board supports HB-1139, and requests that Routt County be re-categorized to a 1-A County for the purposes of establishing the salaries of elected officials in the county pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-2-102.

ADOPTED this 28th day of February 2023.

**BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ROUTT COUNTY,
COLORADO.**

Tim Redmond, Chair

Vote: Tim Redmond (Aye) (Nay) (Absent)
Timothy V. Corrigan (Aye) (Nay) (Absent)
Sonja Macys (Aye) (Nay) (Absent)

ATTEST:

Jenny L. Thomas
Routt County Clerk and Recorder