

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25**

### **SERIES 2025**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOW OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S 2009 ENDANGERMENT FINDING THAT GREENHOUSE GASES ENDANGER PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte (the "Town") recognizes climate change as one of the most pressing challenges the community faces today; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted a 2030 Climate Action Plan identifying goals and investing funds to improve building efficiency, electrify, and decarbonize energy systems by incentivizing the community, and remaining accountable to its climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town became one of the first communities in Colorado to adopt above-code electrification provisions for new buildings, and continues to improve its building stock through energy efficiency measures, investing in local renewable energy, providing financial incentives to deed-restricted property owners, and creating a wildfire ready action plan; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change are evident, and many communities and nations are preparing for these impacts; and

WHEREAS, families, businesses, and organizations are already paying the price of climate change, as health care bills are rising, insurance premiums are soaring, and extreme weather, wildfires, and droughts are impacting our physical and mental health, homes, jobs, agricultural lands, and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Endangerment Finding by the Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") established a science-based determination that greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's finding has served as the basis for climate action over the past fifteen years and is the foundation for federal regulations that reduce toxic pollution from power plants, automobiles, and oil and gas operations, ensuring cleaner air, safer communities, and more vibrant economies; and

WHEREAS, the attack on this science-based finding by the federal administration will set back national progress on climate action and endanger the health, safety, and welfare of every Coloradan; and

WHEREAS, this attack is part of a broader anti-science strategy that has seen the dismantling and erasure of climate science across numerous federal agencies, the closing of research labs, and the proposed repeal of numerous standards that reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS, denying science hurts innovation and puts the United States, Colorado, and our Town at risk, by creating uncertain and chaotic economic signals for investment, and reversing the momentum to tackle the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing the Crested Butte Town Council reinforces its commitment to science-based strategies to address climate change to support the health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado.

**Section 2.** The Town of Crested Butte supports the EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding and the policies that have been adopted as a result.

**Section 3.** The Town of Crested Butte will continue to partner with other entities to ensure state and federal leadership uses science-based strategies to address the climate crisis and ensure that information is available to our residents and businesses to best understand the risks of climate change, invest in resilience, and keep our families and communities safe.

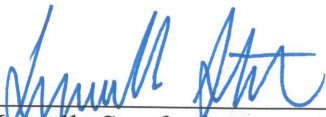
INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 2025.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO



Ian Billick, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk