

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-060

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY'S HOME RULE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Town of Castle Rock since 1987 has been a home rule municipality and, as such, recognizes the importance of local control, self-determination, and the ability to establish governance that reflects the unique needs and values of local residents; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution grants counties the authority to adopt home rule status through the development and approval of a home rule charter, and recognizing that the Douglas County Commissioners wish to pursue that status; and

WHEREAS, adopting home rule status would allow Douglas County to retain all powers afforded to statutory counties while providing expanded flexibility to design its governmental structure, enact local ordinances and policies, and exercise greater fiscal and regulatory authority tailored to the County's distinct needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock believes that home rule status would enhance Douglas County's ability to respond effectively to local concerns, protect its residents' quality of life, and uphold the principles of good governance, community engagement, and fiscal responsibility, which this community values.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Statement of Support. The Town Council formally declares its support for Douglas County's home rule initiative and endorses the efforts to develop a home rule charter that reflects the shared values, priorities and vision of Douglas County residents.

Section 2. Resident Involvement Encouraged. The Town Council encourages residents of the Town of Castle Rock and throughout Douglas County to actively participate in the charter development process, including attending public meetings, providing input to the Charter Commission, and voting in the elections that will determine the County's future governance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of May 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, on first and final reading by a vote of _____ for and _____ against.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Jason Gray, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Approved as to content:

Michael J. Hyman, Town Attorney

David L. Corliss, Town Manager