

(ID # 5381)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is acutely aware of the tragic suffering our citizens experience when the mentally ill harm themselves or others, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the high importance of public safety in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-101, the ultimate duty to govern the county and oversee its resources is the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners, and

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 27-65-127 currently provides a process whereby an interested person can petition the court to potentially deprive an individual of a legal right if the individual has a mental health disorder and is found to be a danger to himself/herself or others, is gravely disabled, or is insane as otherwise defined in law, and

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 27-65-127 further provides adequate due process for individuals, prior to any deprivation of any legal rights, requiring a finding that the deprivation is both necessary and desirable, and subject to limited time periods without ongoing court oversight and periodic hearings, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Douglas County has a reputation for being one of the safest places in Colorado, and that reputation has allowed our county to thrive, prosper, and attract exceptional new residents who also value the public good and pursue their lives, liberties, and happiness here, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners shall continue to pursue positive, innovative, and anticipatory solutions as a board and in partnership with others, in order to provide for the health, safety, and wellbeing of our citizens, and to address the root causes of the violent tragedies that have devastated our county, state, and nation, and

**WHEREAS**, when a tragic incident involving mental illness occurred locally in 2014 which resulted in severe injury and deaths, Douglas County developed the nationally recognized Mental Health Initiative with 40 regional partners; an innovative, collaborative, and proactive solution which has already saved lives, improved the quality of life for citizens age 5 to 87, and kept individuals from being placed in jail or taken to emergency rooms when mental health is the key issue.

**THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners will continue to work to ensure that Douglas County will be a safe place for individuals to pursue their God given rights, liberties, and freedoms in peace and prosperity, and

The Board of County Commissioners will fund the enforcement of only those duly enacted state laws that fully respect and support the Constitutional rights of our citizens, including their rights to due process, to bear arms, and to defend themselves from evil.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**BY:**

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**LORA L. THOMAS, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**EMILY WRENN, Clerk to the Board**