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North Metro Fire Board Decides to Move Forward With Mill Levy

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO—North Metro Fire Rescue District’s board of directors voted unanimously Tuesday night to adopt a resolution that will put forth a ballot question for a mill levy increase in the November election. The board weighed public opinion and input from a citizen task force before deciding to move forward with at 3.5 mill increase.

Prior to the board’s decision, North Metro Fire reached out to district residents through mail surveys, phone surveys and public meetings. Additionally, a Citizen Led Task Force was formed comprising of 24 citizens from across the district. The task force met four times over the course of three months and studied the district’s finances and daily operations. In June, representatives from the task force recommended that the board seek a mill levy increase to address the emergency needs of the community.

The resolution adopted by North Metro Fire’s board is as follows in accordance to the law:

Resolution No. NM14-006

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.**

WHEREAS, the North Metro Fire Rescue District (“District”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, formed pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-101, *et seq.* (“Special District Act”) to provide emergency services, including, fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical, rescue and hazardous materials services to the citizens and property within its jurisdiction, and to individuals passing through its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“TABOR”) requires voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increases, mill levy above that for the prior year, and the creation of debt and for spending above the limits established by TABOR; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that the interests of the public and necessity require the District to seek voter approval to increase its mill levy for the purpose of providing services within the District, through an election to be held on November 4, 2014 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines it is necessary to submit to its electors a Ballot Issue to increase taxes within the District by 3.5 mills, for a total mill levy not to exceed 13.226 mills, for the purposes described herein; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Special District Act and the Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended (the "Code"), the Election must be conducted as a coordinated election or a mail ballot election if a mill levy increase Ballot Issue is included; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-1-111(2), the District Board of Directors ("Board") is authorized to designate an election official to exercise authority of the Board in conducting the Election ("Designated Election Official"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set forth certain procedures concerning the conduct of the Election.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Directors of the North Metro Fire Rescue District with jurisdiction in the City and County of Broomfield and Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld Counties, State of Colorado that:

1. A coordinated election of the eligible electors of the District shall be held on November 4, 2014 pursuant to, and in accordance, with the Special District Act, the Code, and all other applicable laws.

2. The Board hereby approves standard Coordinated Election Intergovernmental Agreements between the City and County of Broomfield and Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld County Clerk and Records and the District ("Coordinated Election IGAs") for conduct of the November 4, 2014 Election in each county in which the District has jurisdiction.

3. The Board hereby agrees that the respective County Clerk and Records shall serve as the Coordinated Election Officials as that term is defined in the Coordinated Election IGAs.

4. The Board hereby appoints Fire Chief David Ramos to serve as the District's Designated Election Official. The Board hereby designates Lisa Mehrhoff, Manager of Finance and Administration, as the alternate designated election official (the "Alternate Designated Election Official") to perform all of the duties and responsibilities of the Designated Election Official in the event the Designated Election Official is unavailable or unable to perform the duties of the position due to illness, incapacity, or otherwise. The Designated Election Official is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with any action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution, the Coordinated Election IGAs, and of the Special

District Act, the Code, or other applicable laws. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Special District Act, the Code, and other applicable laws.

5. The Board hereby directs and declares that at the November 4, 2014 Election there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District a Ballot Issue in substantially the following form:

BALLOT ISSUE

SHALL NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$5.1 MILLION (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY INCREASING ITS EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 3.5 MILLS, COMMENCING WITH LEVY YEAR 2014 FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015, FOR A TOTAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 13.226 MILLS, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS AND ABATEMENTS, TO BE USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER BUDGET EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: AVOIDING SERVICE LEVEL CUTS AND MAINTAINING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, IMPROVING RESPONSE TIMES IN DEFICIENT AREAS, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, REPLACING AGING EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES, AND REPAIRING AND RENOVATING FIRE STATIONS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL SAFETY HAZARDS?

6. If during the Election a majority of the eligible electors voting in the Election approve the Ballot Issue set forth above, the District, acting through the Board, shall be authorized to proceed with all necessary and appropriate actions to levy the increased *ad valorem* property taxes in accordance with the Ballot Issue approved by the voters. Any authority to levy *ad valorem* property taxes, if conferred by the results of the Election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to levy the *ad valorem* taxes so authorized at any one time, or from time to time, and neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred, nor any lapse of time, shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred.

7. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-11-203.5, any election contest arising out of a Ballot Issue or Ballot Question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set.

8. If any part or provision of this Resolution is determined by the appropriate court to be unenforceable or invalid, that determination shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Board's intention that the various provisions are severable.

9. All acts, orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, of the District that are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby superseded or repealed to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

10. The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED this 15th day of July 2014.

BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

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North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents through fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and specialized rescue. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 111,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld and Jefferson Counties.