

**RESOLUTION NO. 4
SERIES OF 2018**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE COLORADO LOTTERY DIVISION IN 2018**

WHEREAS, The Town of Carbondale is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for the grant disbursement from the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funds and the recipient of Conservation Trust Funds, and

WHEREAS, Colorado voters provided for a statewide lottery, and in a subsequent election adopted the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) amendment to the state constitution, which directs that lottery profits be used for parks, open space, wildlife, and outdoor recreation purposes, and

WHEREAS, following the voters' approval of a lottery, the General Assembly created a Lottery Division in the State Department of Revenue to administer the lottery, and

WHEREAS, as provided in the GOCO amendment, lottery profits are allocated to the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (GOCO Trust Fund), the Conservation Trust Fund, and to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants for projects to improve communities in all of Colorado's 64 counties. Funds have helped connect families to the outdoors, improved local trails and parks, built outdoor recreation facilities, preserved ranchlands, water resources, and view corridors, improved river access and quality and conserved wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed since 2005 over \$1,205,000 directly to The Town of Carbondale for these purposes, and

WHEREAS, since 1983 the Conservation Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants to counties, municipalities, and special districts for acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites, capital improvements, and maintenance for recreational purposes on public sites, and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Trust Fund has distributed in the last five years alone over \$331,895.41 directly to The Town of Carbondale for these purposes, and

WHEREAS, since 1992 the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$215 million of lottery proceeds in support of Colorado's 42 state parks, funding parkland acquisition, park development and operations, trail construction and maintenance, environmental education, youth and volunteer programs and stewardship and natural resource management, and

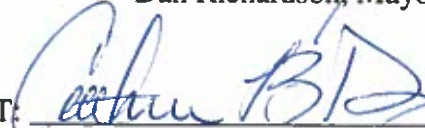
WHEREAS, the Colorado Lottery Division is critical to the administration of the entire GOCO program and the Division is set to expire unless extended by the General Assembly, which during its 2018 session will consider legislation to extend the Division:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Town of Carbondale strongly urges the General Assembly to approve legislation during its 2018 session to reauthorize the Colorado lottery division.

The effective date of this Resolution is the date passes and approved below.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON January 23, 2018.

APPROVED BY: 
Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

