RESOLUTION NO. 2017-11

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE 2017 GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE

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WHEREAS, the first Total Solar Eclipse spanning across the entire United States in the last 99 years occurred on August 21st 2017;

WHEREAS, the 70-mile path of totality extended across Wyoming, entered Teton County and exited through Goshen County;

WHEREAS, Wyoming’s open spaces offered a unique opportunity for witnessing this once-in-a-lifetime natural phenomenon;

WHEREAS, Goshen County for the first time in history, became a premier destination for viewers from around the world to experience this exclusive event;

WHEREAS, experts traveled from afar to collect data during the Great American Solar Eclipse and the two and a half minutes of totality;

WHEREAS, Goshen County was the closest location for day trippers coming from the front range of Colorado, including the greater Denver metro area;

WHEREAS, publicly elected officials are ultimately responsible for the welfare and safety of both local residents and visitors to our county;

WHEREAS, there was much speculation concerning what types of issues might be encountered or an exact number of visitors to expect;

WHEREAS, months of advance planning and hours of dedicated preparedness were necessary to execute a flawless action plan to meet the anticipated needs;
THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Goshen County Board of Commissioners express our sincere appreciation to Emergency Management Coordinator Shelly Kirchhefer, Sheriff Murphy and staff, Fire Warden Law and all Fire District volunteers, and Superintendent Hort and crew, for their professionalism, dedicated service, and steadfast commitment to the welfare and safety of the over 100,000 visitors entering and departing Goshen County on August 21st, 2017.

The Goshen County Board of Commissioners also extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of our 13,383 local residents for welcoming the thousands of strangers into the friendliest County in the State and making a positive impression on behalf of our rural communities.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, our mission was successful, the job well done, and a once-in-a-lifetime event for Goshen County, Wyoming was successfully and safely accomplished. This event will be remembered forever.

By: [Signature]
Carl F. Rupp, Chairman

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F.E. Wally Wolski, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Kenyon, County Clerk