STATE OF COLORADO) **RESOLUTION 2023-010**
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COUNTY OF ROUTT)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TRANSITION PLAN ALIGNING WITH NORTHWEST COLORADO RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY ROADMAP

WHEREAS, the Northwest Colorado Development Council (NWCDC) developed and adopted a Northwest Colorado Resiliency and Recover Roadmap (henceforth called Roadmap) that will result in regionally-aligned and actionable strategies that will help its rural communities recover from COVID and other major challenges to be more resilient to future shocks and stressors. In Northwest Colorado, the sun setting of coal and the transition of the region's two coal-fired power plants represent a significant future threat that has far-reaching consequences; and

WHEREAS, sixteen regional teams comprised of 150 rural communities, including the NWCDC actively worked with a team of state partners and consultants to collaborate on regional economic development and to undertake the Roadmaps strategic planning process. As a member community of NWCDC, the Town of Oak Creek participated in monthly NWCDC meetings and five task forces to prioritize; and

WHEREAS, Oak Creek representatives identified the following sectors that aligned with its competitive advantages, including health care, clean energy generation, light manufacturing, outdoor recreation and cultural heritage tourism, value-added agriculture, and technology and business services sectors. Other priorities include expanding and supporting small businesses and workforce development opportunities and options for affordable housing and childcare.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF OAK CREEK THAT:

A. The Town of Oak Creek will be a place that provides sustainable, affordable workforce housing and offers residents and visitors an exceptional and livable community, quality of life, health care, regional K-12 educational facilities, and economic opportunities.

B. In alignment with the Roadmap, the Town of Oak Creek will leverage its strategic location and assets to support incremental growth of its existing businesses and new sectors and to attract new opportunities in Health Care, Clean Energy, Light Manufacturing, Outdoor Recreation and Cultural Heritage Tourism, Value-added Agriculture, and Technology and Business Support Services.

C. Oak Creek will grow its healthcare sector to attract external healthcare dollars that support new jobs and other local businesses; backfill current vacant properties with light manufacturing and small businesses; and support outdoor recreation tourism, value-added agricultural/food processing, and technology and business services by engaging with the South Routt School District, Colorado Northwestern Community College, and economic development partners. Oak Creek seeks to attract and retain a skilled workforce and build

a more livable community, including supporting affordable housing, access to child care, and regional transportation.

D. The Town Board hereby adopts the *Town of Oak Creek's Transition Plan Aligning With Northwest Colorado Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap* attached hereto as Attachment A.

READ AND ADOPTED THIS this ___ day of July, 2023.

TOWN OF OAK CREEK

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Nikki Knoebel, Mayor

Attest:

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David Torgler
Town Administrator/Clerk