CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 29 SERIES OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE LAKE COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION FUND

WHEREAS, in 2020, Lake County Build a Generation created a Childcare Coalition in an effort to address challenges that families in Lake County face in accessing quality and affordable care and education for young children (ages birth through five) as well as to reduce health inequalities; and

WHEREAS, since then, representatives from the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Council (RMECC), local licensed programs and other affiliated organizations have worked to identify the root of those challenges and create projects and systems that work to support positive change; and

WHEREAS, around the United States, local sustainable funding sources directly supporting the early care and education system have served as an incredibly successful way to address the multifaceted challenges the system faces; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Early Care and Education Fund (LCECE) was created with a mission to support and promote licensed high quality early care and education programs in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, countless studies over the past several decades from accredited organizations as well

as state and federal agencies have clearly demonstrated the significant social and economic impacts that quality early care and education provide to a community; and

WHEREAS, LCECE requested a \$50,000 financial contribution from the City of Leadville ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council expressed support for this contribution at its November 28, 2023 work-session with these funds to come from the City's economic development funds in the continency fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Leadville, Colorado, as follows:

The City Council hereby authorizes a financial contribution to the LCECE in the amount of \$50,000.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

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ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2023 by	a vote of in favor, 💯 against,
$\underline{1}$ abstaining, and $\underline{1}$	absent.
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CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO:

Greg Labbe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk