

BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE TOWN OF OPHIR, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 4 - 2017

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE
ENVIRONMENT AND REDUCE PUBLIC LIABILITIES

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Ophir, Colorado, agrees that water bodies, streams and rivers should be adequately protected; and that the local economy has benefitted from the protection of the watershed and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's rivers and streams have been impacted by historic mining activities that were not conducted in an environmentally protective manner, including the Howard Fork of the San Miguel as it runs through the Ophir Valley; and

WHEREAS, our town government and community has worked successfully and cooperatively through the years with many partners to support reclamation and restoration activities in the San Miguel River watershed; and

WHEREAS, sound and reasonable mining regulations that protect the public interest and require future mines to conduct operations in a manner that does not cause a public fiscal burden is in the best interests of the people of Colorado; and

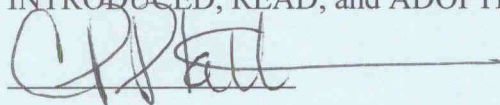
WHEREAS, the State of Colorado should have all reasonable authorities and powers to require adequate financial assurances and guarantees from mining operators so that the costs of reclamation and protecting water quality do not fall on the public; and

WHEREAS, mine facilities that cannot operate in a manner that will not permanently impair water supplies, rivers and streams should not be permitted in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly should pass a bill that will provide the State of Colorado with the authority to require adequate financial assurances to protect both water quality and the public, and provide for the treatment of mine water and maintenance of water treatment plants; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Ophir General Assembly hereby expresses its support of changes to the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act that implement these protections and urges the Colorado General Assembly to adopt them as law.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED this 15th day of Aug, 2017.



Mayor, Town of Ophir