

BOCC

RESOLUTION NO. 14-369

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS  
THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY SUPERVISORY, ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND BUDGETARY AUTHORITY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO INCLUDE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE  
CONTINGENT UPON THE ADOPTION OF A TRANSITION PLAN BY DECEMBER 1,  
2014.


WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-11-101(2)(a) and 30-15-401, *et seq.*, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of El Paso, State of Colorado (hereinafter "Board" or "BoCC"), has the power to adopt ordinances, resolutions, rules and other regulations as may be necessary for the control of those matters of purely local concern, and to do all acts which may be necessary or expedient to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 2013, of Article 33.5-701, *et seq.* of Title 24, C.R.S., mandates that each county "shall maintain a disaster agency or participate in a local or inter-jurisdictional disaster agency..." to serve the important public interests of reducing the vulnerability of people and communities to damage, injury and loss of life and property resulting from natural catastrophes and catastrophes of human origin, and

WHEREAS, just as the State of Colorado Office of Emergency Management provides for emergency management at the state level, the Board is compelled to create and manage a local disaster agency authorized to provide effective coordination of activities relating to disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to protect the lives of the citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, by Resolution 98-439A, and pursuant to previous statutes, the Board established the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management and delegated to the Sheriff of El Paso County the daily supervisory, administrative and budgetary responsibility for the Director of the Office of Emergency Management while retaining the duties and responses of directing a disaster response, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of El Paso County have been recently and uniquely affected by the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012 and the Black Forest Fire in 2013, and subsequent injuries to life and property as a result of devastating flooding from the burn scars and failing infrastructure; and

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**WHEREAS**, in the wake of these local disasters, the BoCC is compelled to reaffirm its commitment to providing a local disaster emergency organization which by Board direction embodies comprehensive pre-and post-disaster emergency preparedness and response directed by the Board, supervised through County Administration, an appointed County Emergency Services Director independent of the Sheriff's Office.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of County Commissioners is re-established as the agency responsible for the daily supervisory, administrative and budgetary authority for the director of the Office of Emergency Management to include hazardous material response contingent upon the adoption of a transition plan by December 1, 2014.

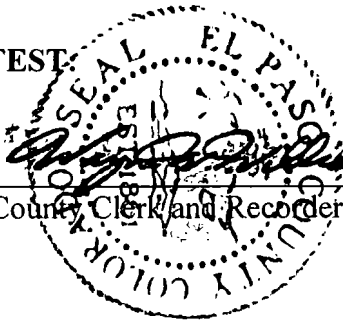
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Dennis Hisey, duly elected, qualified, acting member and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, be and is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution attached hereto.

Done this 23rd day of September, 2014 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk and Recorder



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Hisey, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Hisey", is written over a horizontal line.