

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-04
TOWN OF MILLIKEN, COLORADO**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING COLORADO SENATE BILL NO. 19-181

WHEREAS, the Town of Milliken, Colorado (“Town”) is a statutory municipality of the State of Colorado, created and operating pursuant to Article XX of the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is a major energy-producing state, ranked fifth in the nation for natural gas production and seventh in oil production, according to U.S. government data; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is widely recognized as a national leader in developing health, safety and environmental protections; and

WHEREAS, oil and natural gas development is a critical sector of the Colorado economy, supporting jobs and supplying locally produced and affordable energy to households and businesses across Colorado and especially in Weld County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milliken supports responsible oil and natural gas development in a manner that protects the environment and the quality of life of Milliken citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than 232,000 jobs in Colorado are supported by oil and natural gas development, equivalent to 6.5 percent of total employment in the State of Colorado, according to a 2017 study by globally renowned accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers; and

WHEREAS, according to the same study, oil and natural gas development in Colorado supports more than \$31 billion in economic activity, equivalent to almost 10 percent of the state economy; and

WHEREAS, oil and natural gas development in Colorado generates almost \$1.2 billion in tax revenue, according to a 2015 study by the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Colorado's energy sector would have a substantial adverse impact on the state economy, cripple state and local budgets, and threaten the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of working families; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 19-181 may impose excessive burdens and restrictions on oil and gas development and is a threat to the industry in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 19-181 delegates regulatory authority to local governments, upheaving the traditional state regulatory system for oil and gas development, which is a matter of statewide concern; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 19-181 was drafted without sufficient input from the County

of Weld, where the Town is located, and which is a major stakeholder as the number one producer of oil and gas in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Town collects over \$340,000 dollars in tax revenue annually from the energy sector; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees finds that responsible oil and natural gas development is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Milliken, and that Senate Bill 19-181 has been too hastily prepared, without sufficient stakeholder input, and poses a threat to oil and gas development in the State of Colorado.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MILLIKEN, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Board of Trustees hereby declares its opposition to Colorado Senate Bill 19-181.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 27th day of March 2019.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF MILLIKEN, COLORADO


Cheryl Powell, Town Clerk


Beau Woodcock, Mayor