

Colorado Springs City Council Resolution  
In Support of Restorative Justice

Whereas, the Colorado Springs City Council recognizes that conflicts inevitably arise during the course of social interaction in every community often resulting in violations of ordinances, laws and rules, and;

Whereas, violations of ordinances, laws and rules are offenses against people and communities and damage relationships, and;

Whereas, Restorative Justice promotes responses to offenses which repair the harm, build community and restore relationships and;

Whereas Restorative Justice requires acceptance of responsibility and accountability by offenders, and:

Whereas, Restorative Justice helps victims, offenders and the community to cooperatively and constructively respond to offenses in ways which repair the harm to the victim and community, and;

Whereas, Restorative Justice has proven effective in reducing recidivism, increasing victim satisfaction, promoting community safety and lowering the costs of crime and criminal justice, and;

Whereas, the Colorado Springs City Council has a vital interest in reducing recidivism, assisting victims, reducing costs in the justice system and building safer more cohesive communities by encouraging the use of restorative justice as a preferred method of responding to offenses,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

The City of Colorado Springs will encourage and support the use of restorative justice principles and practices to respond to offenses throughout the community including in neighborhoods, schools, city government and the municipal court system. The intent of these practices will be to enable victims, offenders and the community to repair harms and restore relationships within the Pikes Peak Region.