

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

BOULDER TOWN, STATE OF UTAH

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING THE MISSION OF THE STATEWIDE INITIATIVE OF "A BOLDER WAY FORWARD" TO HELP MORE WOMEN, GIRLS, AND FAMILIES THRIVE

WHEREAS, Boulder Town is aware that national and statewide studies consistently show that women and girls in Utah face significant challenges, including high rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and gender-based discrimination, as well as persistent disparities in workplace compensation and leadership representation; and

WHEREAS, Boulder Town recognizes the fundamental importance of encouraging and promoting the mission of the "A Bolder Way Forward" initiative to strengthen and help more women, girls, and families thrive in Utah; and

WHEREAS, Boulder Town recognizes that when women and girls experience good health and wellbeing, the freedom of safety and security, equal representation in the community, access and opportunity for education, and successful employment in fair and equitable workplaces, all Utahns thrive, including men and boys, and families; and

WHEREAS, Boulder Town is committed to using data-driven approaches and will regularly consult academic research, policy briefs, and community surveys to guide its efforts and measure progress in supporting the mission of the Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Boulder Town has demonstrated a commitment to supporting women in the workforce by fostering a workplace environment that values work-life balance and family well-being; and

WHEREAS, Boulder Town exemplifies inclusive and equitable governance through strong female representation among its elected officials and executive staff, ensuring that diverse perspectives, priorities, and needs are represented and respected; and

WHEREAS, Boulder Town embraces the mission of the Initiative for women and girls to thrive

and to support efforts and actions that all of us can engage in to make this a reality for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BOULDER TOWN, UTAH, THAT:

1. **Declaration of Commitment.** Boulder Town hereby declares its commitment to support and promote the mission of A Boulder Way Forward and will continue to adopt policies and practices that exemplify this commitment.
2. **Active Promotion and Awareness.** Boulder Town will actively raise awareness about the importance of improving women's and girls' health, safety, education, community engagement, and workplace equity through public outreach, events, and partnerships with academic and community organizations.
3. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.
4. **Severability Clause.** If any part of this Resolution is found invalid, it does not affect the remaining portions.

ADOPTED by the Boulder Town Council this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Motion: Tina Karlsson moved to accept the resolution supporting Boulder Women and Girls through the Boulder Way Forward. Councilmember John Veranth seconded.

Vote: Roll Call – Roll Call – Councilmember Josh Ellis - Aye, Councilmember Tina Karlsson - Aye, Councilmember John Veranth - Aye, Councilmember Lacy Allen - Aye, Mayor Cheryl Cox - Aye.

Result: Approved unanimously 5-0

CERTIFICATION:

BOULDER TOWN, STATE OF UTAH

PRESIDING OFFICER:

/s/ Cheryl Cox, Mayor

ATTESTATION:

/s/ Elizabeth Julian, Town Clerk

Effective Date of Resolution: **March 3, 2026**