

**RESOLUTION NO. 8  
SERIES 2014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY OVERRIDE ISSUE 3B ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the Colorado Legislature has cut millions of dollars in funding to the Gunnison Watershed School District, resulting in the reduction or elimination of programs such as: math intervention; school counseling; special education; technology instruction; vocational/business/technical curriculums; foreign languages; library services; professional development; and other critical programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the defeat of State Ballot Measure 103 in 2011, and Ballot Measure 66 in 2013, school funding is not likely to be restored at the state level; and

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal health and quality of local schools helps strengthen property values and promotes economic development including attracting and retaining businesses, professionals, and families to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gunnison Watershed School District is asking voters to approve a \$2.5 million mill levy override to fund the following: maintain existing class sizes; restore math intervention, counseling, library media technology, special education and other critical student programs that were cut due to fiscal reductions; reinstate vocational/business/technical programs to provide students hands-on experience and practical skills for the workforce; restore and maintain rigorous science, technology, engineering and math programs focused on preparing students for higher education and the workplace; strengthen the district's full-day kindergarten program; restore art, music and foreign language programming; reinstate the District's bus replacement program to maintain services and student safety; and extend the useful life of school facilities by restoring needed maintenance schedules that were cut due to reductions in state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the mill levy override funds will be gathered and spent locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gunnison recognizes quality education is the foundation for an educated and participatory community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:**

The City Council of the City of Gunnison encourages all eligible citizens to register and vote in the November 4, 2014, General Election; and

Further, the City Council encourages all eligible citizens to educate themselves to become familiar with all aspects of Gunnison Watershed School District Issue 3B and to vote Yes on 3B.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED** at a Regular Session meeting of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, held this 9th day of September, 2014.

  
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Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk