**RESOLUTION NO.18**
**SERIES 2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE GUNNISON VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BALLOT ISSUE 5A**

**WHEREAS,** the Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority (GVRTA) is a special taxing district formed in January 2003, as a joint enterprise between the City of Gunnison, the Town of Crested Butte, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and Gunnison County; and

**WHEREAS,** the GVRTA's primary missions that serve the residents of and visitors to the Gunnison Valley, are to maintain and grow air service to and from the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport and to provide a long-term, energy-efficient, public ground transportation system; and

**WHEREAS,** the free public ground transportation system alleviates traffic and parking congestion in the valley, reduces private vehicle use and the associated environmental impacts, and provides needed transportation for citizens without vehicle ownership; and

**WHEREAS,** tax-assisted air service provides local employment, brings visitors into the city that patronize local businesses and generates city sales tax revenue, and provides air service in to and out of the valley for city residents and Western State Colorado University students; and

**WHEREAS,** operation and maintenance ground transportation costs and minimum guarantee airline contracts to provide air transportation services continue to rise each year; and

**WHEREAS,** the GVRTA is requesting a sales tax increase on the November 3, 2015, Combined Election ballot to increase funding for much needed seniors transportation, continued and expanded air service to and from the Gunnison Valley, and continued bus service between the city and the north end of the valley.

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

The City Council recognizes the value of ground and air transportation services provided by the Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority to the citizens of and visitors to the City of Gunnison; and

Further, the City Council encourages all registered electors of the City of Gunnison to become educated about Ballot Issue 5A and to vote YES on the ballot issue in the November 3, 2015, Combined Election.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, this 13th day of October, 2015.

(SEAL)

(ATTEST)

Richard Hagan
Mayor

Gail A Davidson
City Clerk