RESOLUTION NO. 2016-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION OF THE ELIMINATAION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 187 UN member nations out of 193 have agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, Women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, the City of Lafayette recognizes the need to accomplish more, to fully eradicate gender-based discrimination and to provide one of the most basic human rights, equality; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lafayette, Colorado, is well known for its' small historic community with a vision of a diverse and sustainable, vibrant economy; it is also a city that values strong voices in environmental stewardship and social issues through cooperative relationships and inclusivity and knowing that 51.4% (13, 920) of the total population of 27,081 are women, it will strive to ensure these women and girls residing in Lafayette enjoy all rights, privileges and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the USA regardless of race, national origin, gender, or religious beliefs; and with the purpose to claim worldwide that Lafayette, Colorado is a city in which women can thrive; in a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls nor violence perpetrated against them in any form; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices regarding women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender; and

WHEREAS, This city government has the appropriate and legitimate role of affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities, as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado as follows:

The City of Lafayette is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, to promoting the health and safety of women and girls, and to affording them equal academic, economic, and business opportunities in Lafayette, Colorado.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Christine Berg, Mayor

Susan Koster, CMC

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David S. Williamson, City Attorney