RESOLUTION NO. R2021- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE COLORADO CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION'S REDISTRICTING EFFORT

WHEREAS, named in 1907 and incorporated in 1929, Aurora is one of Colorado's largest home rule cities, spanning 3 counties, Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas, and is Colorado's third largest municipality by population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora's status as a home rule municipality has allowed the City to better serve its people and better the quality of life for the people who call Aurora home; and

WHEREAS, Aurora is a major hub of social and economic activity with significant private sector employers representing healthcare, defense and space, and technology; and

WHEREAS, The City of Aurora serves as the primary source of governmental interaction with its residents, as do cities across the metropolitan area. These primary services include housing and community resources, public works, roads and bridges, police and fire, and economic and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, as the City of Aurora has grown in geography and population, the importance of meaningful and direct representation in the U.S. Congress and in the Colorado General Assembly has continued to increase and become more relevant to the lives of Aurora residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Judge Hyatt observed that Aurora should not be split between congressional districts because "it is a community of interest in and of itself," recognizing also that the City of Aurora has "common local leadership and common services;" and the 2011 decision remedied past redistricting decisions that diluted and diminished Aurora's ability to serve its people by splitting the City of Aurora between multiple congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment Z, approved by Colorado's voters, tasks a new Colorado Congressional Redistricting Commission with new rules in drawing legislative maps in 2021 and affords the commission the opportunity to better prioritize Aurora's integrity and interests.

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado resolves its support for the Colorado Congressional Redistricting Commission. The City Council urges the Commission to keep Aurora whole in a single congressional district, to consolidate the number of state Senate and state Representative districts within the City's boundaries, and to not divide communities and neighborhoods between districts.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately without reconsideration.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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RACHEL ALLEN, Client Group Manager