RESOLUTION NO. 2022-051

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County approving a ballot title for the November 8, 2022 general election to impose an additional 0.10% countywide sales and use tax for the purpose of funding countywide wildfire mitigation efforts.

Recitals:

A. This Board has adopted Resolution No. 2022-050, referring an issue to the November 8, 2022, general election ballot.

B. This Board desires to determine the ballot title for the issue referred for placement on the ballot for the November 8, 2022, general election.

C. Pursuant to Sections 30-11-103.5 and 31-11-111(3), C.R.S., as amended, this Board must fix a ballot title according to the following guidelines: consider the public confusion that might be caused by a misleading title; avoid a title for which the general understanding of the effect of a "yes" or "no" vote would be unclear; no conflict with titles selected for any other measure that will appear on the County ballot in the same election; and the title shall correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning of the measure.

D. This Board finds that the ballot title set forth below meets the statutory guidelines.

Therefore, the Board resolves:

1. In accordance with the statutory guidelines, the Board does hereby fix the following ballot title for the referred issue:

COUNTY ISSUE 1 (Countywide Wildfire Mitigation Sales and Use Tax and Revenue Change):

SHALL BOULDER COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED $11 MILLION ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE IN 2023) BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 0.10% FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING WILDFIRE MITIGATION EFFORTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: STRATEGIC FOREST AND GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE, PROTECT WATER SUPPLIES, AND FOSTER RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS; COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS TO HELP RESIDENTS PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES, CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AROUND HOMES, MAKE HOMES MORE FIRE RESISTANT, AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REBATES TO HOMEOWNERS; FIRE MITIGATION STAFFING; AND OTHER PROJECTS TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS THE INCREASING RISK OF CLIMATE-DRIVEN WILDFIRES; AND SHALL THE REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT, CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE; ALL IN
ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ RESOLUTION NO. 2022-050?

2. The Board shall take further action to finally certify the ballot measure and ballot title, together with any others that may be approved, to the November 8, 2022 general election ballot on or before September 9, 2022.

A motion to approve this Resolution 2022-051 was made by Commissioner ____________________, seconded by Commissioner ____________________, and passed by a ____________ vote.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BOULDER COUNTY:

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Marta Loachamin, Chair

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Claire Levy, Vice Chair

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Matt Jones, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board: __________________________