

**Resolution**  
**Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education**  
**In Support of Initiative 1A**

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, codified in Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution, also known as TABOR, and other state statutes, including C.R.S. §29-1-301, impose certain revenue and spending limitations on county government; and

WHEREAS, revenue limitations imposed by TABOR have created significant budget challenges for Jefferson County, Colorado and have limited the County's ability to provide quality services to the residents of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, without relief from TABOR limitations in 2020, based on current estimates, the County anticipates a budget shortfall of approximately \$16.1 million dollars to fund the same level of service in 2020 as provided in the 2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have put forward a proposed ballot issue, known as 1A, to be considered this November, which will allow the County to retain a portion of tax revenues totaling \$16.1 million over and above the TABOR cap to eliminate the need for budget reductions in 2020 and to retain excess revenue as needed through 2026 to support public safety, protect the health and well-being of Jefferson County residents and preserve important countywide services; and

WHEREAS, we believe this initiative will help to provide for the safety of Jeffco residents and businesses; maintaining roads, bridges and other new transportation improvements; preserving public facilities and infrastructure including building security and maintenance; providing critical public services; and, protecting the quality of life Jeffco residents and visitors have all come to expect and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the County provides the roads, bridges and infrastructure critical to the safe transportation of Jeffco Public Schools students to/from our schools, athletics, internships and extra-curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the County provides School Resource Officers to enhance the life safety of thousands of Jeffco students and staff everyday by providing and supporting positive learning environments and protecting our communities most precious resource: our students; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Sheriff's Office, provides strong and robust community policing programs that help teach students and families the dangers of internet luring and human trafficking through the Cheezo program, and critical response during tragic events that impact the lives of students, staff and families; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the District Attorney's Office and the Juvenile Assessment Center, partners with schools on programming, case management and supports that provide robust avenues to rehabilitation and positive pathways so students and youth who have made mistakes receive the services needed so they are not prevented from future success after having committed delinquent acts; and

WHEREAS, the County, through Human Services and the Workforce Center, collaborates with the school district to support students experiencing homelessness (approximately 2,500) and abuse or neglect (over 3,000 cases) to ensure our students are safe and that those young adults who graduate and are

underemployed or have dropped out of school become contributing members of our Jefferson County community; and

WHEREAS, these benefits will accrue to tens of thousands of Jefferson County students and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education commends the Board of County Commissioners for putting forward the question for Jefferson County residents to choose to continue to enjoy the quality of life and level of service needed to support a vital community; and, endorses Issue 1A on the November 5, 2019 ballot urging all Jefferson County voters to cast a "yes" vote on their ballot for Issue 1A.

Adopted and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1

By:   
Ron Mitchell, President

ATTEST:

  
Amanda Stevens, Secretary