TOWN OF GILCREST, COLORADO
PROCLAMATION 2026-02
AFFIRMING CONSTITUTIONA RIGHTS
AND FREEDOM FROM UNLAWFUL AI SURVEILLANCE

WHEREAS, Colorado municipalities have deployed automated camera systems, including automated license plate readers, and advances in artificial intelligence create increasing capabilities to identify individuals, analyze their activities, and track their movements; and

WHEREAS, the use of these technologies on public streets, in parks, and in public buildings raises important questions concerning personal privacy, government accountability, and the protection of constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Colorado Constitution protect fundamental liberties, including freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, religious exercise, and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, the people of Gilcrest should be able to attend public meetings, visit parks, travel through their community, and participate in civic life without fear that their government will use artificial intelligence to monitor or target them for exercising their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of local government to protect public safety must be carried out with respect for individual liberty, constitutional safeguards, and the public's trust; and

WHEREAS, technological capability does not, by itself, justify government surveillance, and convenience does not excuse the infringement of constitutional rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GILCREST, COLORADO, THAT:

1. Gilcrest affirms its commitment to constitutional rights. The Board pledges that the Town will never use artificial intelligence-enabled cameras or related surveillance technology to track individuals' movements in violation of their rights under the United States Constitution or the Colorado Constitution.

2. This commitment applies throughout Town operations. It encompasses Town use of technology in public buildings, parks, streets, sidewalks, and other public spaces, including facial recognition, automated license plate recognition, and other systems capable of identifying individuals or reconstructing their movements.

3. Constitutionally protected activity shall not be grounds for surveillance. The Town will not use these technologies to target individuals because of their lawful speech, religious beliefs, political views, peaceful assembly, or participation in public meetings.

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4. The Town will not evade these protections through others. This pledge extends to surveillance undertaken on the Town's behalf by contractors or partner agencies and to the Town's acquisition, use, or sharing of surveillance data.

5. Liberty must be preserved for future generations. The Town affirms that pursuing safety at the expense of liberty will ensure that neither safety nor liberty prevails for the

next generation, and that protecting our community requires an enduring commitment to both.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Trustees affirms that public safety and individual liberty are shared responsibilities, and that Gilcrest's use of technology must remain faithful to the constitutional rights of the people it serves.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of September 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF GILCREST SEAL COLORADO

MAYOR: _____ TOWN CLERK _____