

**RESOLUTION BY
THE PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 07-1100,
“CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE FUNDING TO THE OLDER
COLORADANS CASH FUND FROM THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX,
AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREAFTER”**

February 14, 2007

WHEREAS, the number of senior citizens in Colorado is growing rapidly and may soon be the fastest growing segment of the population; and

WHEREAS, current agencies providing supportive services to those over age 60 with federal Older Americans Act funds are experiencing deficits and will be unable to fund many unmet needs without additional state funds; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments fully supported the state’s willingness to provide additional funding for those services through its Area Agency on Aging with bills passed by the state legislature in 2000 and 2001, transferring moneys from sales and use taxes to the Older Coloradans Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, there is a statewide effort by many Colorado organizations and seniors to secure this funding on an on-going basis, with an annual allocation of at least \$5 million; and

WHEREAS, without continued state funding, many seniors at risk of institutional placement will be unable to access supportive services beginning in July of 2007; and

WHEREAS, these funds save the State of Colorado money by helping seniors remain independent and out of much more expensive care facilities.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments supports passage by the State Legislature of House Bill 07-1100 as presented.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments this fourteenth day of February 2007 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ATTEST:

Wayne W. Williams
Chair

Malcolm Parker
Secretary