

RESOLUTION NO. 19-\_\_\_\_\_

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 19-1034

WHEREAS, the safe operation of freight and passenger trains are vital to commerce and this Board supports efforts to keep train operations safe in Pueblo County and the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 19-1034 proposes to require a common carrier engaged in the transportation of property or passengers by railroad to have at least two crew members aboard a railroad train or light engine operated in connection with carrying freight while the freight train or light engine is moving; and

WHEREAS, polling across Colorado shows bi-partisan support of two-person crews, with 77 percent of those polled in favor of mandating that trains be operated by a crew of at least two qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, a second crew member allows for better monitoring of traffic at crossings, investigates incidents such as grade crossing collisions or derailments when they occur and can communicate or supervise as needed with the engineer to avoid mistakes during the train's operation, including when the train is secured; and

WHEREAS, virtually all trains in North America are already operated by crews of at least two individuals, making the economic impact of this proposed rule minimal; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration agrees that, while advancements in automated technology such as Positive Train Control systems improve railroad safety, they are not a substitute for a train's on-board crew members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pueblo County, Colorado, that this Board encourages the Colorado General Assembly to support and pass House Bill 19-1034 to help ensure the public safety of citizens of this State and the safety of the State's waterways and natural environment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Garrison Ortiz, Chair

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gilbert Ortiz, County Clerk