

**RESOLUTION NO. R-134-24**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PARTNER CITY RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, is historically recognized as the home of Judge Isaac Parker and the backdrop for the iconic story of "True Grit" by Charles Portis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, has been recognized as Fort Smith in the 1969 movie adaptation of "True Grit"; and

**WHEREAS**, communities along the 250-mile True Grit Trail in Western Arkansas and Southeastern Oklahoma are embracing the growing interest in the story of Mattie Ross and Marshal Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses within these communities are incorporating "True Grit" into their names and products, further promoting tourism and cultural interest; and

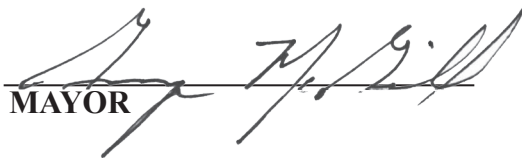
**WHEREAS**, there is a mutual benefit in forming a partnership to promote shared heritage and tourism for enthusiasts of Charles Portis and "True Grit";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

The City of Fort Smith, Arkansas is hereby proclaimed to be a Partner City to Ridgway, Colorado. Together, both cities will continue to embrace the cultural significance of Charles Portis’s work for future generations and will conceive ways to collaborate on promoting “True Grit” tourism.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**


**APPROVED:**

  
MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
CITY CLERK

*Approved as to Form:*

  
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