

RESOLUTION NO. 24-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO,
ESTABLISHING A PARTNER CITY RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado is a home rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado organized and existing under a home rule charter pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado; and

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, the enduring popularity of "True Grit" brings visitors from all over the world to Ridgway and Fort Smith; and

WHEREAS, businesses within these communities have incorporated "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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, THAT:

The Town of Ridgway, Colorado is hereby proclaimed to be a Partner City to City of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Together, both municipalities 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.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO



John A. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Kraft, Town Clerk