

A Resolution of The Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County, Colorado, Adopting an Official County Flag and Authorizing Initial Flag Production

WHEREAS, Gilpin County conducted a public Flag Design Contest to encourage community participation in the creation of an official county flag; and

WHEREAS, the contest invited residents, students, employees, and individuals with connections to Gilpin County to submit original flag designs representing the history, character, natural environment, and spirit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the County received twelve (12) flag design submissions from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, a review panel evaluated the submissions and identified select designs for public voting and community feedback; and

WHEREAS, public voting and engagement opportunities were conducted to gather input regarding proposed flag designs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed all contest submissions, considered public input, and evaluated the designs based on their ability to represent the history, culture, natural environment, and character of Gilpin County; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the submitted designs and directed staff to work with the designer of a non-finalist submission to modify the background colors to better align with the colors utilized in the official Gilpin County logo; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, the Board reviewed the revised design and determined that it appropriately reflects the history, character, natural environment, and spirit of Gilpin County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation to all individuals who participated in the Flag Design Contest and contributed their creativity, talent, and ideas in helping to develop a lasting symbol for Gilpin County; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County resident and employee Shaun Wicen submitted the design selected by the Board of County Commissioners for adoption as the official county flag; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to formally recognize and thank Shaun Wicen for his creativity, community spirit, and contribution to Gilpin County through the development of the adopted flag design; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the official Flag Design Contest rules, ownership of the winning flag design is transferred to Gilpin County, and the County is authorized to reproduce, modify, display, distribute, and adapt the design for official governmental purposes, including digital media, printed materials, signage, merchandise, and flag production, while providing designer credit whenever practical; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the design attached hereto as Exhibit A as the official flag of Gilpin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The flag design attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted as the official flag of Gilpin County, Colorado.
2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes and commends Shaun Wicen for his contribution to Gilpin County through the creation of the official county flag and expresses its appreciation for all who participated in the Flag Design Contest.
3. The official county flag may be displayed at county facilities, events, meetings, publications, websites, promotional materials, and for other official county purposes as authorized by the County.
4. The Board authorizes the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the production and purchase of ten (10) full-size county flags and one hundred (100) hand-held county flags.
5. County staff are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to procure, reproduce, display, and distribute the official county flag for governmental and ceremonial purposes.
6. The County Manager, or designee, is authorized to approve minor formatting, sizing, and production adjustments necessary for manufacturing and reproduction of the flag, provided such adjustments do not materially alter the adopted design.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2026, by a vote of 3 to 0.

A signed and recorded version of this resolution is available via the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Exhibit A

