

Proclamation

National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week
September 15-22, 2024

Whereas, Adams County, along with the State of Colorado, and the USA, have continued to address the issue of behavioral health, and,

Whereas, the interconnection of mental illness, substance addiction, co-occurring conditions and social determinants of health often increase the occurrence of homelessness, arrests, and criminal charges, incarceration, suicide, homicide, and other barriers to individual and community wellness, and,

Whereas, many local and national communities acknowledge behavioral health as a community issue, and recognize the need for strategic resources to address these issues with crisis response and crisis prevention; including those in the County of Adams, and such communities have identified the promising emerging practice and effective program called Co-Response, and,

Whereas, co-response is an evidence-based, collaborative first responder model pairing a mental health professional with law enforcement and other health professionals to intervene in varying levels of crisis, with the goal of resolving individual and community safety concerns, diverting community members from further contact with law enforcement and involvement in the Criminal Justice system, reducing the overburdening of Emergency Departments and hospitals, and increasing community member connection to resources and preventive care, and,

Whereas, Adams County houses multiple Co-Responder units comprised of specially trained co-responders.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, hereby proclaims, the week of September 15th-September 22nd, 2024, as National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week, and expresses our appreciation and gratitude for all co-responders and crisis mental health professionals working in Adams County.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed
September 17, 2024.*