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WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51, Mesa County, Colorado (the "District"), is a public corporation duly organized and existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") have been duly elected, chosen and qualified; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR") requires voter approval for any new tax, the creation of any debt and for spending certain moneys above limits established by TABOR; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the interest of the District and the public interest and necessity demand and require that the District seek voter approval for a tax increase of $23,200,000 for District purposes as described in Section 3 below to provide additional funds for the District's general operating expenses pursuant to Section 22-54-108, C.R.S. and to allow the District to impose a mill levy in 2027 and thereafter subject to the mill levy override limits of Section 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI), C.R.S; and

WHEREAS, TABOR requires the District to submit ballot issues (as defined in TABOR) to the District's electors on limited election days before action can be taken on such ballot issues; and

WHEREAS, November 3, 2026, is one of the election dates at which ballot issues may be submitted to the eligible electors of the District pursuant to TABOR; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and Recorder of Mesa County (the "County Clerk") will conduct the election on November 3, 2026, as a coordinated election (the "election"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit to the eligible electors of the District, at the election, the proposition of increasing District taxes by $23,200,000 and to authorize the District to impose a mill levy override subject to the limits of Section 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI), C.R.S.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution) by the District and the officers thereof, directed towards the election and the objects and purposes herein stated are, ratified, approved and confirmed. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms used herein shall have the meanings specified in Section 1-1-104, C.R.S.

Section 2. The election shall be conducted as a coordinated election in each of the Counties pursuant to TABOR, Article 54 of Title 22, C.R.S., and the Uniform Election Code of 1992, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. The election shall also be conducted pursuant to the provisions of intergovernmental agreements (the "intergovernmental agreements") between the District and the County Clerk. The District hereby determines that the election shall be held on November 3, 2026, and that there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District the question set forth herein. Because the election will be held as part of the coordinated election, the Board

hereby determines that the County Clerk shall conduct the election on behalf of the District pursuant to the Uniform Election Code of 1992 and the applicable intergovernmental agreement. The officers of the District are hereby authorized to enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements with the County Clerk pursuant to Section 1-7-116, C.R.S. Any such intergovernmental agreement heretofore entered into in connection with the election is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the District to certify on or before September 4, 2026, the following question in substantially the form hereinafter set forth to the County Clerk. Such question shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District at the election.

OVERRIDE QUESTION:

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO $23.2 MILLION IN 2026 FOR COLLECTION IN 2027 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN OVERRIDE MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 7.850 MILLS, WHICH MILL LEVY MAY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR FOR INFLATION BASED ON THE ANNUAL CHANGES IN THE DENVER-BOULDER CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AND WHICH WOULD COST A HOMEOWNER AN ESTIMATED $18.09 PER MONTH ON AN AVERAGE HOME VALUED AT $400,000 BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE AND ASSESSMENT RATES AS OF DECEMBER 2025 AND DOES NOT REFLECT FUTURE CHANGES IN ASSESSED VALUE, ASSESSMENT RATE, OR LAW, FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

● MAINTAIN AND EXPAND EFFORTS TO ENSURE A SAFE AND SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF, SUCH AS ADDING ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY OFFICERS AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS;

● MAINTAIN AND EXPAND WORKFORCE READINESS OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND STEM PROGRAMMING (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH), BY PROVIDING REAL-WORLD, HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS AT EVERY LEVEL;

● KEEP AND ATTRACT HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS BY BRINGING SALARIES AND BENEFITS CLOSER TO THE MARKET AVERAGE COMPARED TO PEER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ANNUAL SALARY AND BENEFIT INCREASES FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF FOR CONTINUED SERVICE;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE;

AND SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S.;

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AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT THE FULL AMOUNT OF REVENUE AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION AND PRIOR MILL LEVY OVERRIDE QUESTIONS SUBJECT TO THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI), C.R.S.;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Section 4. Amy Navarette is hereby appointed as the designated election official of the District for purposes of performing acts required or permitted by law in connection with the election.

Section 5. If a majority of the votes cast on the question to levy an ad valorem property taxes submitted at the election shall be in favor of levying ad valorem property taxes as provided in such question, the District acting through the Board shall be authorized to proceed with the necessary action to levy ad valorem property taxes in accordance with such question.

Any authority to levy ad valorem property taxes, if conferred by the results of the election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to levy the ad valorem taxes so authorized at any one time, or from time to time, and neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred, nor any lapse of time, shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred.

Section 6. Pursuant to Section 1-11-203.5, C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot issue or ballot question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set.

Section 7. The officers of the District are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

Section 8. All orders, bylaws and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this resolution, are hereby repealed.

Section 9. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED this August 18, 2026**.**

Jośe Luis Chávez, President
Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Andrea Haitz, Secretary
Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF MESA) SS.
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MESA COUNTY VALLEY)
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51)

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I, Amy Navarette, am the duly qualified and acting Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51, Mesa County, Colorado (the "District"), and I do hereby certify:

1. The foregoing pages are a true and correct copy of a resolution (the "Resolution") passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") at a meeting of the Board held on August 18, 2026.

2. The Resolution was duly moved and seconded and the Resolution was adopted at the meeting of August 18, 2026, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board as follows:

Name	"Yes"	"No"	Absent	Abstain
Jośe Luis Chávez, President				
Vicki Woods, Vice President				
Andrea Haitz, Secretary				
Barb Evanson, Director				
Kaci Cole, Director				

3. The members of the Board were present at such meeting and voted on the passage of such Resolution as set forth above.

4. The Resolution was approved and authenticated by the signature of the President of the Board, sealed with the District seal, attested by the Secretary and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the notice of the meeting on August 18, 2026, which notice was posted in one place within the District at least 24 hours before such meeting and which notice included agenda information, if available.

6. There are no bylaws, rules or regulations of the Board which prevent the immediate adoption of the Resolution set forth in the foregoing proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said District, this August 18, 2026, and I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 at a regular Board Business Meeting on August 18, 2026.

(SEAL)

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Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

(Form of Notice of Meeting)