

**Statement of Resolution Opposing Amendments 60, 61 and  
Proposition 101 by the North Metro Fire Rescue District:**

**Whereas,** Three measures appearing on the November 2010 statewide ballot would significantly damage Colorado's special districts, state and local governments from funding their most basic level of services related to public safety, water, sanitation, fire protection, education, hospitals, rural health care, and transportation; and

**Whereas,** These measures drastically limit government's ability to construct new building and infrastructure needed to provide public services like the emergency fire, medical, ambulance, rescue and hazardous material services provided by North Metro Fire Rescue District; and

**Whereas,** The ability to finance long-term capital improvements like water and wastewater treatment plants, fire stations, recreational projects and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

**Whereas,** Amendments 60 & 61 would slash at least \$1 billion annually in state taxes, cutting in half the property tax dollars schools currently receive ; and

**Whereas,** One of the many components of Amendment 60 would overturn the election decisions made by voters over the last eighteen years, creating financial chaos for local communities and special districts, including the North Metro Fire Protection District; and

**Whereas,** One of the many components of Amendment 61 eliminates any practical means for state and regional governments to make future road, highway and bridge improvements, or other capital improvements to their districts, such as DIA, FasTracks, the Anschutz Medical Center, colleges and universities, water conservation districts; or improvements to public schools, cities and counties; and

**Whereas,** Proposition 101 reduces the vehicle registration fee (annual license plate fee) to a level which would devastate Colorado's ability to maintain safe roads and bridges, both of which are necessary for the District to provide emergency services; and

**Whereas,** These measures individually and collectively significantly reduce or otherwise restrict both state and local revenues in a number of different ways, including but not limited to: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

**Whereas,** The cumulative and destructive nature of the three measures ensures that Colorado will surrender its competitive standing to attract large and small employers alike, resulting in little to no economic growth for the state and a steady decline in property values and erosion of the state and local tax base, which erosion is likely to adversely affect the ability of the North Metro Fire Rescue District to provide fire protection and other emergency services; and

**Whereas,** Fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical, ambulance, emergency rescue and hazardous materials response services and other services and programs currently provided by the North Metro Fire Rescue District will probably be limited, reduced or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures; and

**Whereas,** North Metro Fire Rescue District is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on its ability to work effectively with other local governments in the form of intergovernmental agreements like mutual aid response to property in adjacent cities and unincorporated areas, wild lands fires, emergency dispatch, hazardous materials incidents in Adams and Jefferson Counties pursuant to existing intergovernmental agreements, and interagency training incidents, including training related to terrorist attacks; and

**Whereas,** State voters will have the opportunity on November 2, 2010 to protect the fiscal health of Colorado by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61; and

**Now Therefore,** The **North Metro Fire Rescue District** board of Directors has taken an official position opposing Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3 day of August, 2010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT