

**Resolution #TC\_2024\_02\_09**

Renaming Mount Evans Scenic & Historic Byway

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on February 15, 2024.**

**Whereas**, in 1989 the Colorado Department of Transportation established the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA); and

**Whereas**, since that time, Colorado has designated 26 Scenic and Historic Byways throughout the state, thirteen of which are nationally recognized as part of America's Byways; and

**Whereas**, Colorado offers abundant and easily accessible opportunities for viewing and visiting scenic, recreational, historical, educational, scientific, geological, natural, cultural and ethnic resources; and

**Whereas**, one of the 26 Colorado Byways' name is tied to Mount Evans, which recently the U.S. Board on Geographic Names officially renamed Mount Blue Sky, to honor the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, in Clear Creek County, Colorado; and

**Whereas**, this scenic byway climbs over 7,000 feet in its 28-mile length, reaching an altitude of 14,130' feet, the highest paved road in North America, and offers visitors scenic views of the Continental Divide, mountain goat and bighorn sheep herds, marmots, birds and alpine wildflowers, and the Rocky Mountain Bristlecone Pine trees; and;

**Whereas**, the Scenic and Historic Byways Commission has reviewed, approved and recommends the byway to be renamed;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, the Transportation Commission approves the renaming of Mount Evans Scenic & Historic Byway to "Mount Blue Sky Scenic & Historic Byway".

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado