

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF HATS, SCARVES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF WINTER CLOTHING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL STATUES IN DOWNTOWN RAPID CITY.

WHEREAS, throughout downtown Rapid City are public statues depicting the past presidents of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the presidential statues are a very visible attraction for people visiting downtown Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups have started placing hats, scarves and other articles of winter clothing on the presidential statues for the benefit of those who may not otherwise be able to afford these items; and

WHEREAS, the placement of winter clothing on these statues not only helps those in need, but draws attention to the issues of poverty and homelessness within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that allowing the placement of winter clothing on the presidential statues is beneficial to the City and its citizens who otherwise would not be able to afford warm clothing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has determined it is appropriate to adopt a formal resolution which authorizes the placement of winter clothing articles on the presidential statues during the cold months of the year to make sure that the practice is allowed to continue in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that individuals and groups may place hats, scarves and other articles of winter clothing on the presidential statues in downtown Rapid City from November 15th through March 15th every year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intent of this gesture is not to create a public forum of any kind. No advertising, political messages, or decoration of the statues is allowed under this limited exception. The only allowable items will be articles of winter clothing placed with the understanding they can be taken by those in need of such items.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Steve Allender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer