

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2016

**RESOLUTION ORDERING A REFERENDUM ON THE
CREATION OF THE JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

Whereas, on May 16, 2016 the Jefferson County Commission (Commission) received a request from PULSE, Inc. (Partners United for Life Saving Education) to place on the November 8, 2016 ballot a referendum calling for a vote on the issue of creating the Jefferson Valley Regional EMS & Rescue Ambulance Special District (Special District); and,

Whereas, on June 14, 2016, and June 28, 2016, the Commission conducted public hearings on the issue of placing the question of creation of the Special District on the November 8, 2016 ballot. At these hearings, public comment was received. In addition, the Commission invited and received written comment on the referendum question; and,

Whereas, after considering the public and written comment, the Commission has determined sufficient public interest has been shown for the Commission to order a referendum on the creation of the Special District and that the issue should be brought before the registered voters residing within the proposed Special District; and,

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-11-1003(1)(a)(ii) permits the governing body to order a referendum on the creation of a special district to serve the inhabitants of the special district in accordance with the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-11-1101.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, a referendum on the creation of the Special District shall be placed on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot to ask “Shall the proposition to organize the Jefferson Valley EMS & Rescue Ambulance Special District be adopted?”; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, and in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 7-11-

1011(2)(a)-(d):

a. The initial proposed annual assessment to fund the Special District will be \$29.00 (twenty-nine dollars) and will be imposed on each residential lot or parcel within the district which contains a dwelling unit and on developed commercial properties. There shall no assessment on agricultural or vacant properties with no dwelling unit;

b. The activities to be funded through the annual assessment include the provision of emergency and non-emergency ambulance response, emergency medical services, and other emergency services beneficial to the citizens of the district;

c. The areas to be included in the proposed Special District are those lands in Jefferson County which are within the exterior boundaries of Whitehall School District #2 and Cardwell School Districts #16 and #31. The Special District excludes those lands which are located in Madison County and Silver Bow County. The Special District also excludes the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Whitehall which are of record in the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office. A legal description of the boundaries of Whitehall School District #2, which includes Cardwell School Districts #16 and #31, is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference; and,

d. The proposed Special District will be administered by an elected board of five qualified citizens who reside within the boundaries of the Special District.

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Dated this 12th day of July, 2016.

Jefferson County Commission

Bob Mullen, Chair

Leonard Wortman, Commissioner

Cory Kirsch, Commissioner

Attest:

Bonnie Ramey
Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder