Resolution No. 2022-09-11-01

RESOLUTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH-WEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE ACT ("FAMLI") PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the North-West Fire Protection District ("*District*") is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, organized pursuant to the Colorado Special Districts Act, C.R.S. § 32-1-101, *et seq*. ("*Act*"), established for the purpose of providing fire suppression, fire prevention and public education, rescue, extrication, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services within its jurisdictional boundaries;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act, C.R.S. § 8-13.5-501, *et seq.* and 7 CCR part 1107 (collectively, "*FAMLP*"), is a state-administered insurance program that provides paid family and medical leave to covered employees;

WHEREAS, the District is a "Local Government" employer as defined under FAMLI pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 8-13.3-503 and 29-1-304.5(3)(b);

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7 CCR 1107-2, the District, as a Local Government employer, may decline participation in the FAMLI program through an affirmative majority vote by the District's Board of Directors ("*Board*");

WHEREAS, the Board duly posted notice of a public meeting to be held on November 9, 2022 to consider the District's participation in the FAMLI program, and also published such notice in the Park County Republican and Fairplay Flume on November 4, 2022, and invited public comment on the District's participation in FAMLI program; and,

WHEREAS, prior to the public meeting, the District's employees were provided written notice of the public meeting, and were invited to submit written comments to the Board prior to, and to speak during the public comments portion of, the public meeting regarding consideration of the District's participation in the FAMLI program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH-WEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THAT:

- 1. The District, through an affirmative majority vote, declines participation in the FAMLI program and will not contribute to the employer share of premiums or the employee share of premiums of any employee who does not voluntarily elect coverage under the FAMLI program.
- 2. The District further declines to withhold and remit the employee share of premiums for any District employees who voluntarily elect coverage under the FAMLI program. Employees who voluntarily elect coverage under the FAMLI program must submit their premiums directly to the Colorado Division of Family and Medical Leave Insurance.

- 3. District staff is directed to provide District employees with individual written notice of the Board's decision to decline participation in the FAMLI program within 30 days from the date of the public meeting. Such written notice must include:
 - a. Explanation of the differences between benefits offered by the FAMLI program and any private plan offered by the District.
 - b. Statement of which employees, if any, are eligible for job protection under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits or other local provisions, where applicable.
 - c. Information regarding the right of District employees to voluntarily opt into the FAMLI program and the contact information for the Colorado Division of Family and Medical Leave Insurance.

ADOPTED this 9 day of November, 2022.	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH-WEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	
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