

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OBJECTING TO ASSESSMENTS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF CRESTONE FOR THE YEAR 2013

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone has an inherent duty to protect the health and welfare of town citizens as well as the economic viability of the town to the extent of its ability to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has been made aware of the increased valuations of real estate by the Saguache County Assessor which, according to her explanation, are based upon directions and guidelines submitted to her by the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the increased assessment on all 25' and 50' residential lots has resulted in an average tax increase of 370%, without regard to the extent of similarities and dissimilarities among properties that were compared; and

WHEREAS, a number of 25' and 50' lots without a residential structure have been reclassified from "residential" to "non-residential" resulting in a tax increase of 1349%; and

WHEREAS, the increased assessment on all 25' and 50' commercial lots has resulted in an average tax increase of 1,059%, without regard to the extent of similarities and dissimilarities among properties that were compared; and

WHEREAS, the median income in the Town of Crestone is less than \$26,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, one business in the Town has already been offered for sale as a direct result of the increased assessment; and

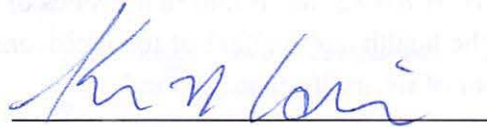
WHEREAS, Town businesses and Town residents cannot afford the increased assessments; and

WHEREAS, the assessments are threatening to destroy the economic viability of the Town and the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town is not in a position to determine whether mistakes in valuations were caused by the Saguache County Assessor or by the State of Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone hereby resolves that the Saguache County Assessor and the State of Colorado retract the notice of increased valuation delivered to town residents and businesses for the year 2013 and equitably assess real property within the town in the manner provided by law.

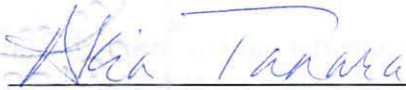
DONE and SIGNED this 8th day of July, 2103.



Kairina Danforth, Mayor

Kizzen Laki, Temporary Chair

Attest:



Akia Tanara, Town Clerk