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Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

Colorado Department of State Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance 8 CCR 1505-6

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Amended Rule: 10.17

In accordance with Colorado campaign and political finance laws,¹ the Secretary of State finds that certain amendments to the existing campaign and political finance rules must be adopted and effective immediately to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of Colorado campaign and political finance laws during the 2023 election cycle. Temporary adoption is necessary both to comply with law and to preserve the public welfare generally.

Adoption of these rules on a temporary basis is necessary to provide clear guidance concerning contribution limits to interested parties, including, but not limited to: candidates, political parties, political organizations, and committees before the end of the 2023 first quarter reporting period. Adoption of these rules on a temporary basis is also necessary to comply with Article XXVIII Section 3(13) of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to promulgate rules adjusting contribution limits for inflation no later than the first quarter of 2023.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Secretary of State finds that adoption and immediate effect of the amendments to existing campaign and political finance rules is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and to promote public interests.²

¹ Article XXVIII, Section 9(1)(b), of the Colorado Constitution and section 1-45-111.5(1), C.R.S. (2022)

² Section 24-4-103(3)(6), C.R.S. (2022).