

**PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PITKIN
COUNTY, COLORADO HONORING**

Nancy Lovendahl

WHEREAS, Nancy Lovendahl has dedicated her life to inspiring others through art. She is a world-renowned sculptor and her artwork can be found in and around Aspen, at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. at the Denver Botanic Gardens, and in numerous other private and public art collections the world over; and

WHEREAS, with that kind of "street cred" Nancy Lovendahl could bask in her notoriety from the confines of her secluded art studio in Old Snowmass. But, fortunately for us, Nancy has chosen to widely share her creative process; and

WHEREAS, more than a decade ago, Nancy Lovendahl founded the Claudette Carter ARTMentors Program. The program, which is administered by the Art Base in Basalt, was designed for high school students seeking to explore careers in the creative arts & trades through a four-month mentorship with a professional artist. Dozens of local commercial artists have participated as mentors over the years; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Lovendahl herself has mentored dozens of aspiring artists from the local community. She not only shares the nuts and bolts of what it takes to be a working commercial artist, she also invites them into her creative world and inspires them to pursue fine arts as a pathway to a rewarding artistic lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Lovendahl's mentees have said that her influence has not only helped them to realize their artistic dreams but has "saved" them in some cases and changed the course of their lives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize Nancy Lovendahl with a Pitkin County Cares "Education" award.

Dated this 12th day of October 2021

County Manager

*Pitkin County Board of
County Commissioners*

Jon Peacock

Kelly McNicholas Kury - Chair