

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

Oceane Jones

***WHEREAS**, Oceane Jones is a rising senior at Aspen High School who is intensely passionate about mental health, women’s rights, and reproductive health; and*

***WHEREAS**, Oceane Jones is relatively new to the Aspen community, only moving to Aspen as a sophomore in high school where she quickly made her mark; and*

***WHEREAS**, as the Co-Editor of the Skier Scribbler, the Aspen High School newspaper, Oceane Jones has used her platform to educate and advocate for many divisive but important issues; and*

***WHEREAS**, Oceane Jones has published several articles about sexual and reproductive health after encountering fellow students who have been victims of sexual assault, who have overused Plan B, and who have very little knowledge of sexual health. Through her articles in the student newspaper she has shined a light on the Aspen School District’s abstinence-based sex education program; and*

***WHEREAS**, last fall, Oceane Jones rallied the community in the name of women’s rights by organizing a local and peaceful protest in the downtown core; and*

***WHEREAS**, Oceane Jones is also a member of R.O.O.T.S., a group of high school students that wants to help create positive change in the mental health of their community by becoming trained counselors and working with their peers.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize Oceane Jones with the Pitkin County Cares “Rising Star” award.*

Dated this 13th day of September 2022

County Manager

Pitkin County Board of Commissioners

Jon Peacock

Patti Clapper - Chair