

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

Howie Mallory, Tim McFlynn, Graeme Means, George Newman and Dale Will

WHEREAS, leave it to a group of local environmentally-minded gentlemen whose accumulated residency in the valley amounts to over 200 years to share a passion for an urgent local cause and to take immediate action; and

WHEREAS, in early 2021, George Newman, Dale Will, Graeme Means, Howie Mallory, and Tim McFlynn created the Hunter Creek Historical Foundation “to stabilize and preserve historic resources in the Hunter Creek Valley; and

WHEREAS, with the community’s help and support, George Newman, Dale Will, Graeme Means, Howie Mallory, and Tim McFlynn aim to preserve a showcase of the important early cultural history of the Hunter Creek Valley by stabilizing and preserving the original W.E. Koch homestead and the Adelaide Ranch dating back to 1893 located near the entrance to the Hunter Creek Valley floor; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the 1890s, these homesteads furnished the first dairy farm, produce farm, sawmill for lumber and source of reliable fresh water and hydro power to pioneering miners and their families in the nearby townsite of Aspen. These structures are now at risk of complete deterioration without immediate attention, and

WHEREAS, George Newman, Dale Will, Graeme Means, Howie Mallory, and Tim McFlynn have the combined experience, the local and statewide connections, and the savvy and the grit to have created an ambitious timeline for the project that includes the emergency stabilization of the historic buildings and the creation of a critical partnership with the Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, within one year, and during a global pandemic, the team of George Newman, Dale Will, Graeme Means, Howie Mallory, and Tim McFlynn was able to oversee the completion of a conditions assessment resulting in a 48-page set of recommendations for preservation and structural stability projects to take place over the next two years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize George Newman, Dale Will, Graeme Means, Howie Mallory, and Tim McFlynn with the Pitkin County Cares “One Time Exceptional Event” award.

Dated this 13th day of September 2022

County Manager

Pitkin County Board of Commissioners

Jon Peacock

Patti Clapper - Chair