

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

**Bill Jochems**

**WHEREAS**, Bill Jochems has lived on Redstone Boulevard for 51 years and he has actively participated in the protection of Redstone's history and its sensitive natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Redstone Historic Preservation Committee, Bill Jochems has been dedicated to the research, protection, education, and preservation of the history of the area, including the mining era, the Osgood history, the Mid Continent Era, and tourist town impacts. He also championed a miner's monument and plaque at Coal Creek recognizing the 15 miners who perished in the Mid-Continent Coal Mine disaster of 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Coal Creek in the area of the now defunct Coal Mine flows more clearly in response to extensive research conducted by Bill Jochems and others who have seen to it that the waterways and roads are restored since the mine closed; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Jochems works with a group of dedicated Crystal River devotees to protect the wild and scenic qualities of the endangered Crystal River where proposals for dams of the river at Placita and Redstone were withdrawn after several years of Bill's work and intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of a gas station and a fast food outlet, Redstone enjoys a park and public pavilion thanks to the work of Bill Jochems and the entire Redstone community's intervention and planning; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize Bill Jochems with the Pitkin County Cares "Environment" award.

Dated this 13h day of September 2022

County Manager

Pitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Jon Peacock

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Patti Clapper - Chair