

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

John Armstrong

WHEREAS, John Armstrong's love affair with the Roaring Fork and Crystal River valleys began nearly 50 years ago when he traveled here to attend Colorado Mountain College; and

WHEREAS, in between traveling to Grateful Dead shows around the country, falling in love, raising a family, and holding down a day job, John Armstrong has spent countless days in the high country, summer and winter, from Aspen to Marble. It is from these high mountain perches over the decades that Armstrong developed a passion for managing and protecting open spaces and intertwining creeks and rivers; and

WHEREAS, John Armstrong currently chairs the Crystal Valley Environmental Protection Association (CVEPA) where he provides leadership on projects including the proposed Crystal Valley Bike and Pedestrian Trail, management of the Lead King Loop, and the Wild and Scenic Designation for the Crystal River; and

WHEREAS, it was John Armstrong who, from his vantage point on top of Marble Peak, was among the first to notice and report the destruction of Yule Creek by the nearby marble quarry. He is also leading his fellow watchdogs on the CVEPA board in their efforts to protect public access along the Crystal River Valley; and

WHEREAS, an avid cross-country and backcountry skier, John Armstrong is also an enthusiastic member of the Mount Sopris Nordic Council Board where he coordinates the annual Ski for SISU fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, among John Armstrong's most recent endeavors is negotiating and facilitating the preservation and purchase of open space along the Crystal River in Marble.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize John Armstrong's lifelong passion for giving back to and protecting his community with the Pitkin County Cares "Environment" award.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2022

County Manager

Pitkin County Board of Commissioners

Jon Peacock

Patti Clapper - Chair