

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

**Elliot Norquist**

**WHEREAS**, Elliot Norquist has been giving his blood, sweat and tears to Nordic skiing at Spring Gulch above Carbondale since before its inception as a community-supported cross country skiing venue in Pitkin County. He has been a key figure in the local Nordic community for almost 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Elliot Norquist was a student, then a teacher at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale where he coached the CRMS Nordic team for a time and, along with another CRMS alumni David Powers, manually groomed what was to become the Spring Gulch Nordic System over a decade later; and

**WHEREAS**, Spring Gulch was founded by yet another CRMS alumni, Chris Landry, in 1986 and Elliot, along with Landry and other Nordic enthusiasts, helped to forge a relationship with Bob Perry and the Cattlemen's Association to allow Nordic skiing on private land used by the cattlemen for livestock grazing in the summer - a relationship that remains strong to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Elliot Norquist has served on the Mount Sopris Nordic Council Board of Directors for nearly 20 years and has been the ski area's operations and trails manager for just as long. He does it for his pure love of the sport, not the notoriety it brings. It's not unusual to see Elliot walking the trails alone in the summer with a chainsaw to clear downed trees and brush from the trails, and he's no stranger to a snow shovel and track setter in the winter.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize Elliot Norquist with the Pitkin County Cares "Community Pride" award.

Dated this 13th day of September 2022

County Manager

Pitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Jon Peacock

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Patti Clapper - Chair