

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS "MOUNTAIN RESCUE AWARENESS MONTH" IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Search and Rescue Association, consisting of 46 teams, responded to 4,052 incidents statewide in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County Rescue Group provide essential and statutorily required search and rescue services under the authority of the Summit County Sheriff, in a community for which demand is growing significantly in the White River National Forest, the most visited National Forest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County is home of one of the most active search and rescue organizations in the state. Activity levels have grown exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic as people escaped to the great outdoors and backcountry of Summit County, accounting for more than 185 calls for service in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, by law, county sheriffs are responsible for coordinating search and rescue, and without teams of trained volunteers it would be a challenge to meet that requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County Rescue Group is a volunteer organization responsible for backcountry search and rescue activities in Summit County. Members give their time unselfishly to our community, making themselves available every hour, every day of the year, often taking time away from their families and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, courageous and dedicated men and women work to protect and aid the Summit County community, and undergo extensive education and training and make significant personal sacrifices in order to achieve the expertise to respond to rescue situations; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County Rescue Group's preventative search and rescue education and outreach help keep our backcountry users safe by educating them on the importance of the "10 Essentials" when entering the backcountry and what to do if there is an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Search and Rescue volunteers and mutual aid arrangements with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, provide a vital emergency rescue service to residents and visitors of Summit County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners wish to enhance public awareness of

backcountry safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT** the month of June 2021, shall be proclaimed as "*Mountain Rescue Awareness Month*" in Summit County, Colorado in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism help keep our county and citizens safe.

**ADOPTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO  
BY AND THROUGH ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Kathleen Neel, Clerk & Recorder