

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35

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

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COLORADO PUBLIC LANDS DAY, MAY 20, 2023, IN
SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, in May 2016, Colorado became the first state in the nation to establish a state holiday for our public lands; and

WHEREAS, the third Saturday in May is now recognized as Colorado Public Lands Day, a day to celebrate how our public lands are central to our identity, heritage, economy and quality of life across the Centennial State; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans know that our forests, rivers, mountains, grasslands and parks fuel our tourism and outdoor recreation industries; and

WHEREAS, our public lands are places for people to learn about and connect with the natural world, challenge themselves to grow, maintain their physical and mental well-being, and strengthen their bonds with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Public Lands Day is a chance to get outside and enjoy our unparalleled wild places and to give back to the public lands that provide us with so much; and

WHEREAS, public lands make up approximately 80 percent of Summit County's land area; and

WHEREAS, people travel to Summit County from across the globe to recreate in our public lands and draw inspiration from the wild forests, rushing rivers, sun-soaked meadows and towering peaks of the White River National Forest; and

WHEREAS, our public lands are the heart of our watershed, a priceless resource for our entire state; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners heartily endorses and celebrates efforts across the nation to protect and preserve our public lands for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, citizens and Commissioners of Summit County have strongly supported multiple tax measures to create and sustain a robust Open Space and Trails Program to expand and enhance public lands, and the values that they provide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO, DOES HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE COLORADO PUBLIC LANDS DAY, MAY 20, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2023.



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

Joshua Blanchard
Joshua Blanchard, Chair

ATTEST:
Taryn Power
Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder