

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-48

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

PROCLAIMING JUNE 2023 AS "MOUNTAIN RESCUE AWARENESS MONTH" IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Colorado Search and Rescue Association, consisting of over 55 teams, responds to an average of 3,000 incidents per year; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Rescue Group provides 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 Forests in the country; and

WHEREAS, Summit County is home of one of the most active search and rescue organizations in the state. Activity levels continue to grow exponentially as people escape to the great outdoors and backcountry of Summit County, accounting for more than 193 calls for service in 2022; 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 non-profit, all-volunteer organization funded primarily through individual donations, grants, and fundraising, 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 "10 Essentials", basic wilderness first aid, avalanche awareness, hiking safety, outdoor survival, and mountain rescue; 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 2023, 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 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2023.



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


Joshua Blanchard, Chair

ATTEST:

Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder