

# *Proclamation Recognizing El Paso County's Proud Western Heritage*

**WHEREAS,** El Paso County is proud of our western history and culture and recognizes how our past continues to shape the Pikes Peak Region; and

**WHEREAS,** events such as the Colorado Springs Western Street Breakfast, the Rodeo Parade, the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, and the El Paso County Fair preserve and promote our wonderful heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** On June 19, 2019, the annual Colorado Springs Western Street Breakfast along Tejon Street at Pikes Peak Avenue will once again bring the community together for a fun-filled send-off for the Pikes Peak Range Riders whose annual ride around Pikes Peak is a cherished community tradition which serves to promote the rodeo as a wonderful centerpiece of summer and an important economic driver for the entire region; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo was started in 1937 by Spencer Penrose, an El Paso County pioneer whose legacy includes the Broadmoor Hotel, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the Broadmoor Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and the ongoing philanthropic contributions of the El Pomar Foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade on July 9, 2019, opens one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious rodeos with performances running from July 10 through July 13, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** the El Paso County Fair is celebrating its 114th anniversary when it opens July 13 and runs until July 20, 2019, at the county fairgrounds in Calhan; and

**WHEREAS,** the values defined by The Pikes Peak Range Riders' "The Cowboy Way" and the "Old West" are not a way of life limited to nostalgia, since community gatherings, horses, rodeo challenges, and parades are woven into the fabric of El Paso County and the Pikes Peak Region.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of El Paso County Commissioners, in recognition of upcoming events celebrating our western heritage, urges local businesses to join various County departments and Elected Offices in encouraging employees to take part in these special events and wear western attire on the days of the events.

**DONE THIS** 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO**

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