TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING "CREEK WEEK 2020"

- WHEREAS, the Town of Palmer Lake is fortunate to have extensive and diverse natural resources, such as forests, grasslands, riparian areas, lakes, creeks and a wide variety of open spaces; and
- WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed is a unique and important resource and asset to the residents and visitors of Fountain and all of the Pikes Peak Region; and
- WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District is partnering with the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Pueblo County, the Cities of Manitou Springs, Fountain, and towns of Monument, Palmer Lake and Green Mountain Falls, and numerous community organizations to coordinate the 7th Annual "Creek Week" cleanup, which will encourage the protection, restoration and maintenance of the Fountain Creek watershed; and
- WHEREAS, this 9-day litter clean-up effort runs September 26th through October 4th, 2020 throughout the watershed and is now the largest cleanup effort in our State; and
- WHEREAS, "Creek Week" programs and activities are designed to raise awareness about the littering issue within our watershed, to encourage organizations and individuals to collect litter and debris to make Fountain Creek and the watershed cleaner and safer; and
- WHEREAS, businesses, churches, schools, non-profits, neighborhood associations, youth groups, service clubs and individuals are encouraged to form a "Creek Crew" to clean up at a "Creek Week" project site; and
- WHEREAS, "Creek Week" litter removal activities will reduce pollution in our creeks and clogs in our waterways that can lead to flooding, provide for a safer drinking water supply, and enhance wildlife habitat and property values.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado, hereby proclaim the week of September 26 – October 4, 2020, as "Creek Week" in Palmer Lake and encourage Town citizens to help protect, restore and maintain our waterways by participating in "Creek Week" activities.

DONE THIS 10th day of September 2020 in Palmer Lake, Colorado.

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