

***PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING "CREEK WEEK 2021"***

**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 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 Palmer Lake, Monument and Green Mountain Falls, and numerous community organizations to coordinate the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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

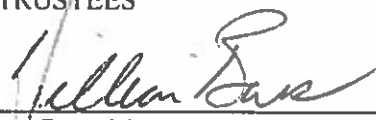
**WHEREAS**, "Creek Week" litter removal activities will reduce pollution in creeks and clogs in waterways that can lead to flooding, provide for a safer drinking water supply, and enhance wildlife habitat and property values.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake, Colorado, hereby proclaim September 25 – October 3, 2021, as "Creek Week" in the Town of Palmer Lake and encourages all citizens to help protect, restore and maintain our waterways by participating in "Creek Week" activities.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 in Palmer Lake, Colorado.

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Signed:

  
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William Bass, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Town Administrator/Clerk