



# PROCLAMATION

## HONORING

# Gary Godfrey

*Whereas* Gary Godfrey grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he graduated in 1971 from Central High School; and

*Whereas* Gary was a jockey and raced horses in West Central Arkansas, Ohio and Pennsylvania and in 1973 rode horses in both daily doubles at Commodore Downs in Erie, Pennsylvania; and

*Whereas,* through his newfound sobriety after his racing career, Gary developed a lifestyle rooted in philosophy, poetry and song and honed his passion for helping others; and

*Whereas* Gary first came to northern Colorado and found his way to Castle Rock in 2013, when his home near Estes Park was destroyed by a flood; and

*Whereas* Gary became a fixture in both the local business and artist communities, first by managing stores at the Outlets at Castle Rock and then through his talents in landscape photography and music; and

*Whereas* Gary further became involved with local media outlet CRCO and ultimately helped with the creation of the Castle Rock Local Business Alliance, becoming its administrator and board president – in that role, he worked tirelessly to promote and advocate for local businesses in Town; and

*Whereas* Gary's friends knew him as a Renaissance Man – in addition to the passions mentioned, he also published a book in 2014 about living with kidney disease; ran in 2020 for a seat on Town Council; and recently supported a campaign to better fund the Town's fire and police departments; and

*Whereas* Gary, when hospitalized recently, shared the sentiment, "Regardless of whatever course this takes, I am the most blessed man in the room, surrounded by so much love," and those who loved him will remember him as a kind friend with a servant's heart who walked humbly and with great faith; and

*Whereas* the community of Castle Rock is better for Gary having been a part of it for the past eight years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK DOES HEREBY  
HONOR GARY AND EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION  
FOR ALL HE BROUGHT TO THE TOWN AND  
EXTEND TO HIS FAMILY OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY UPON HIS PASSING.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 21st day of December 2021.

ATTEST:

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Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

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Jason Gray, Mayor