

Proclamation Recognizing the Region's Western Heritage

WHEREAS, El Paso County is proud of our western history and culture and recognizes how our past continues to shape the 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, the June 21, 2017, downtown street breakfast along Tejon Street at Pikes Peak Avenue brings 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 also includes the Broadmoor Hotel, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the 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 11, 2017, opens one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious rodeos with performances running from July 12 through July 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County Fair celebrates "Putting a New Spin on an Old Tradition" with the 112th anniversary of the event July 15 through July 22, 2017, at the county fairgrounds in Calhan; and

WHEREAS, the "Old West" is not a concept limited to nostalgia, since community gatherings, horses, rodeo challenges, and parades remain part of the fabric in El Paso County.

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 wear western attire on the days of these special events that highlight our heritage and traditions.

DONE THIS 1st day of June 2017, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

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