

Proclaiming May 21, 2022 Colorado Public Lands Day

WHEREAS, in 2016, Colorado established the nation's first state-based Public Lands Day, and this May 21st will be the annual celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley's public lands are diverse and provide many benefits to our residents, from recreational pursuits to other multiple uses. Public lands play a significant role in economic development, clean water supplies, wildlife; and

WHEREAS, citizens and visitors to the Town of Palisade enjoy the recreational, health, scenic, and economic benefits from nearby public lands, including the Grand Mesa, Mt. Garfield, The Palisade Plunge, and the Bookcliffs; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Public Lands Day recognizes the significant and positive contributions that public lands within Colorado and the Grand Valley make to our quality and way of life. This day will encourage Coloradans to celebrate our public lands that support the vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the importance of nature and open spaces to Coloradans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Palisade Board of Trustees hereby affirms the critical importance of public lands to the success and well-being of our community and adds our voice to the celebration of Colorado Public Lands Day and do hereby designate the May 21, 2022, as

Colorado Public Lands Day

throughout this community, and urge all citizens to join activities, events, and ceremonies designed to celebrate embracing and connecting to surrounding public lands.

DATED this 10th day of May 2022.

TOWN OF PALISADE

Mayor Greg Mikolai

For the Town of Palisade Board of Trustees