



Town of New Castle, State of Colorado

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1994, a lightning strike sparked a fire on Storm King Mountain which grew to create one of the most disastrous wildfires in Colorado history; and

WHEREAS, firefighters from around the country joined the attempt to control the fire, including the Prineville Hotshots, the Missoula Smokejumpers, and the McCall Smokejumpers; and

WHEREAS, on July 6 flames rushed up the mountain and fourteen firefighters lost their lives: Kathi Beck, Tamera Bickett, Scott Blecha, Levi Brinkley, Douglas Dunbar, Terri Hagen, Bonnie Holtby, Rob Johnson, Jon Kelso, Don Mackey Roger Roth, Jim Thrash, Robert Browning, Jr. and Richard Tyler; and

WHEREAS, the Storm King fire has been carefully analyzed, leading to major changes in the way wildfires are combated, and

WHEREAS, the firefighters who died are memorialized on the Storm King trail and in Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs. New Castle's Hot Shot Park further honors the Prineville firefighters; and

WHEREAS, July 6, 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the fire;


NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of New Castle honors the victims of the Storm King Fire and expresses deep appreciation to all firefighters: members of our local Colorado River Fire Rescue and the wildfire experts who travel across the West. All citizens of New Castle are encouraged to pay tribute to these courageous men and women.

Let this Proclamation be entered into the official records of the Town

ATTEST:


Town Clerk Melody Harrison




Mayor Art Riddile