

PROCLAMATION
RANGER BRENDAN UNITT DAY
OCTOBER 20, 2020

WHEREAS, a dearly loved son, brother, public servant, and special friend to many, Brendan Unitt was a 2011 graduate of Windsor High School; and,

WHEREAS, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 2011 to 2015, when he was honorably discharged; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated from Colorado State University in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology; and,

WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to community service in Larimer County, Brendan was an active volunteer for the Rocky Mountain Raptor program; and,

WHEREAS, he earned his seasonal ranger commission on May 20, 2020, Brendan began to serve the community as a Larimer County Natural Resources Boat Ranger at Horsetooth Reservoir; and,

WHEREAS, Brendan committed himself wholeheartedly to providing safety assistance and emergency response to visitors at Horsetooth Reservoir, offering his warm, reassuring, uniformed presence; and,

WHEREAS, without hesitation he selflessly responded to an emergency call for help from a distressed boater on Horsetooth Reservoir, on the evening of August 20, 2020; risking and losing his life to save another; and

WHEREAS, we, as residents, employees, and officials of Larimer County, benefit immensely from Brendan's dignified and exemplary service and sacrifice to all of our County; and

WHEREAS, we thereby introduce the "Brendan Unitt Community Service Award" to be issued annually to one outstanding Larimer County employee who demonstrates in action the values of selflessness, honor, and dedication to community service as Brendan did.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims October 20, 2020 as **Brendan Unitt Day** in Larimer County. As the Board of County Commissioners, we also call upon Larimer County residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and school districts to lead lives of public service in honor of Brendan Unitt's ultimate sacrifice.

Dated this 20th day of October 2020.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LARIMER COUNTY

Steve Johnson, Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk