WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States of America, states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Life being the first of these declared rights; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, the American College of Pediatricians published an Abstract stating that “The predominance of human biological research confirms that human life begins at conception – fertilization. At fertilization, the human being emerges as a whole, genetically distinct, individuated zygotic living human organism, a member of the species Homo sapiens, needing only the proper environment to grow and develop. The difference between the individual in its adult state and in its zygotic state is one of size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency,” not nature”; and

WHEREAS, each and every innocent life is unique and precious to God; and

WHEREAS, human life begins at the moment of conception and continues, uninterrupted, until the moment of natural death; and

WHEREAS, innocent human life must always be protected and preserved; and

WHEREAS, the protection of all human life is important to the citizens of Park County; and

WHEREAS, April is Pro-Life month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County commissioners of the county of Park have the duty to protect health, safety and welfare of those in the county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the Park County Board of County Commissioners, of Park County Colorado, affirm and defend the people’s rights and liberties, which are guaranteed by the United States and Colorado Constitutions, and hereby declare this Proclamation to be a Preservation of Life Proclamation Designating Park County to be a “Sanctuary County” for the Protection of Life from conception to natural death.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Board declares that innocent human life, including life from conception, must always be protected and that Society must protect those who cannot protect themselves.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Board declares that April of each year will be Pro-Life Month in Park County.

Proclaimed this 5th day of April, 2022.

PARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Richard Elsner, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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County Clerk