



**MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PAUL MCFARLAND AS
THE 2022 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD WINNER**

WHEREAS, the Mono County Community Spirit Award was established in 2021 to recognize individuals who demonstrate service and a caring attitude and actions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Paul McFarland has been an outstanding example of this type of attitude in the Mono Basin and Mono County for many years; and

WHEREAS, Paul has supported his community through numerous volunteer and other roles, including serving in leadership positions with the Lee Vining Fire Department, the Lee Vining Public Utilities District, and the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Paul knows the difference between talking about community needs and doing something about them, recent examples being his work facilitating the repair of the DeChambeau Ponds Water System, the replacement of old parts of the Mono Lake South Tufa State Reserve Boardwalk, and the recent construction of a boardwalk on the Parker Bench Trail; and

WHEREAS, Paul has played a critical role in establishing the DeChambeau Creek Foundation, which has quickly become an important source of financial support for Mono Basin public lands and community needs; and

WHEREAS, Paul was the spark behind the “Camp Like a Pro” initiative, which raised awareness and private contributions to support several projects aimed at improving dispersed camping in Mono County; and

WHEREAS, Paul has been described by one volunteer who worked with him as “simply one of the kindest persons I’ve ever met”; and

WHEREAS, Paul has spent many years working for and supporting many Eastern Sierra public lands agencies, including the USFS and BLM, California State Parks, Friends of the Inyo, as well as Mono County; and



WHEREAS, Paul reminds us that nature is a constant source of inspiration and wonder, but we must take the time to stop and listen to the rocks, trees, plants, and animals. While some say the Sierra is a symphony, Paul suggests the “Eastern Sierra is a constant set of small jazz bands out there jamming”; and

WHEREAS, Paul believes and constantly shows through his actions how we can support our recreation economy yet also take care and respect our public lands, including his recent effort to help with the transition of our Recreation Coordinators; and

WHEREAS, Paul also sets a great community example by devoting time to be with his family, whether at home, on a trip, or simply coaching their sports teams; and

WHEREAS, Paul also sets another good example for addressing climate change by riding his bike to most meetings rather than driving his car; and

WHEREAS, Paul has a great sense of humor with an exuberant laugh, and is well known for his wise advice and general knowledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaims Paul McFarland the winner of the 2022 Community Spirit Award, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to his community and to Mono County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board sincerely thanks Paul for his devotion to serving others.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2023, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Jennifer Kreitz, Supervisor District #1

Rhonda Duggan, Supervisor District #2

Bob Gardner, Supervisor District #3

John Peters, Supervisor District #4

Lynda Salcido, Supervisor District #5