

Proclamation

Celebrating and in Recognition of Jeff Bates

WHEREAS, Jeff Bates, of Sky River Ranch in Fruita, is a multi-talented artist whose welding skills and artistic vision have led him to work in metal, antler, tile, glass, and wood; and

WHEREAS, Each one of Jeff's pieces is unique, authentic and one of a kind; and

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, Jeff has worked with the City of Fruita to design and locate benches, including the popular cop and donut bench at the police station, the aspen tree bench facing Circle Park, and the Mercury Blues car bumper bench on Aspen Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Jeff creates unique bicycle racks including the handcuff rack in front of the Fruita Police Station, one-of-a-kind metal sculpture art pieces, furniture, and even the stands for the history plaques on Aspen Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Jeff has worked with the Fruita Arts and Culture Board over several years to create art sculptures on the Highway 340 roundabouts to greet residents and visitors as they enter Fruita from the highway or the interstate; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's sculptures in the southern roundabout, the "Agricultural Scene," a cowboy rider, an apple tree and a tractor, represent the City of Fruita's rich agricultural heritage, and in the northern roundabout, the "Recreation Scene" depicts a cyclist, hiker, and kayaker all nestled amongst natural boulders; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's works of art, in addition to locations throughout Fruita, can also be seen in Grand Junction in such places as Las Colonias Park, the Botanical Gardens, Grand Junction Fire Station No. 6; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's artwork has contributed to the overall aesthetic appearance of Fruita; and

WHEREAS the Fruita City Council, on behalf of the residents of Fruita, would like to recognize and sincerely thank Jeff Bates for his many contributions that help make Fruita a beautiful place to work, live, and play.

THEREFORE, We, the Fruita City Council, do hereby proclaim:

**OCTOBER 18, 2022, AS
"JEFF BATES DAY" In the City of Fruita.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Fruita this 18th day of October, 2022.

Joel Kincaid, Mayor of the City of Fruita