

## **TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO**

### **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Steve Rippy was elected to the New Castle Board of Trustees in May of 1986, and then served as Mayor from 1994 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor Steve led the Town in writing and approving a Charter, which conferred Home Rule status on the Town; and

WHEREAS, after leaving elected office in 2001, Steve was hired as the Town Administrator, a position he held until 2006; and

WHEREAS, whether as mayor or administrator, he was instrumental in annexing and plating both Castle Valley Ranch and Lakota Canyon Ranch; and

WHEREAS, he continued to serve the Town as Community Development Director and Historical Preservation Commissioner and Chair; and

WHEREAS, remarkably, with a dedicated group of friends he removed the second story of a Main Street home and restored it as his home on a new site, later moving to and renovating the Rippy family home east of town; and

WHEREAS, Steve's vast knowledge of Town history was freely offered to all and shared on two Facebook sites and the walls of Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been recognized as the first official Town Historian and the first Honorary Citizen of New Castle; and

WHEREAS, following a long and courageous battle with cancer, Steve passed away on July 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of New Castle acknowledges Steve Rippy's remarkable contributions to the town and recognizes him as the very model of a public servant, and proclaims Saturday, August 23, to be Steve Rippy Day in New Castle.

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

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Art Riddile, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Harrison, Town Clerk