

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PITKIN COUNTY, COLORADO, RECOGNIZING**

The Roaring Fork Veteran's History Project

WHEREAS, *there are more military veterans in Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley than many people realize and local Vietnam vet Daryl Grob thought it was about time their stories were told; and*

WHEREAS, *Grob pitched the idea to a motivated group of history buffs and fellow veterans, including retired Marine Colonel Dick Merritt, Kip Hubbard and Tom Egan of the Aspen Historical Society, John Masters of GrassRoots television and Karen Woodard; and*

WHEREAS, *the group got to work raising money for the project and tracking down local veterans. The Elks Club, Thrift Shop, Pitkin County Government, Rotary Club, Aspen Volunteer Firefighters and many others have contributed funding to this project; and*

WHEREAS, *over the past five years 34 interviews have been produced from local vets whose stories and sacrifices will now never be forgotten. Their stories are in the Aspen Historical Society archives and have been shared with the Library of Congress where they will be preserved in perpetuity; and*

WHEREAS, *these inspiring and sometimes heart-wrenching interviews have been met with great enthusiasm by the Aspen community where they have been shown on GrassRoots television and have been featured during History Week at the Aspen Historical Society.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, *that the Board of County Commissioners salutes The Roaring Fork Veteran's History Project for raising our awareness about not only who our local veterans are, but the sacrifices they have made in the name of our freedom.*

Dated this 12th day of January, 2011

County Manager

Board of County Commissioners

Jon Peacock

Rachel E. Richards, Chairwoman