

# Proclamation

## Recognition of Contributions to Veterans and Community

**WHEREAS**, Laurel Downer served as President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #67, and;

**WHEREAS**, Laurel Downer has facilitated the Street of Flags Program in the Town of Berthoud to honor veterans for the past nine years, and;

**WHEREAS**, During that time, the program honored approximately 50 veterans by way of placing dog tags with the flags that lined Mountain Avenue, and;

**WHEREAS**, The program was designed to honor all veterans;

**WHEREAS**, The program was funded by donations and annual fundraising to cover the cost of replacement flags, and;

**WHEREAS**, Laurel Downer has managed the Wreaths Across America program at the Greenlawn Cemetery for 3 years, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Wreaths Across America Program places wreaths at the headstones of veterans in the Greenlawn Cemetery, and;

**WHEREAS**, by managing these programs, Laurel Downer provided an extraordinary contribution to recognize veterans in the community.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, William Karspeck, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, hereby recognize:

**Laurel Downer**

**For**

**Extraordinary Contributions to Veterans and the Berthoud Community**

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Berthoud, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Berthoud to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

William Karspeck, Mayor

