



PROCLAMATION NO. 2, SERIES OF 2020
IN RECOGNITION OF VAIL'S TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECIPIENT
JOSEF STAUFER

WHEREAS, the Town of Vail celebrated its 50th birthday of incorporation as a municipality on August 23, 2016, with numerous festivities taking place, including the debut of the Vail Trailblazer Award Program, a civic recognition whereby the Vail Town Council acknowledges an individual/s that exemplifies the spirit and fortitude in making Vail a great community through selfless contributions of time and talent which have made a lasting impact;

WHEREAS, Austrian born Josef Stauer and wife Anne arrived in Vail in 1963 when Vail was very young, only ten days old and not yet on the map, at which time Stauer helped the early developers to embrace the vision to model Vail after an alpine mountain town saying, "if this place doesn't make it, nothing will";

WHEREAS, Stauer served in various hotel and restaurant management positions, including Mid-Vail, Lodge at Vail and Manor Vail, before eventually partnering with an investor to purchase the Vail Village Inn in 1969;

WHEREAS, Stauer was instrumental in founding Vail's original chamber of commerce and credited with convincing his bosses to extend the Lodge at Vail's season during those early years in recognition of Vail's potential as a summer destination;

WHEREAS, Stauer's civic leadership was realized in 1972 when he was elected to the Vail Town Council, a time when Vail was turning the corner on its first decade that year, and a profile in the Vail Trail newspaper identified Stauer as "A Fighter for Tomorrow", helping to acquire the land that would eventually become Ford Park, and saving it from certain development;

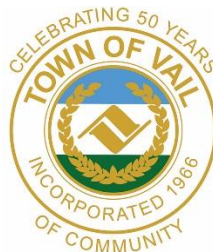
WHEREAS, Staufer was among those who helped persuade the Eagle County School District to build an elementary school in Vail by offering up town property for the eventual construction of Red Sandstone Elementary;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Mayor and Vail Town Council, the fifth recipient of the Vail Trailblazer Award is Josef Staufer, a pioneer who has been instrumental in shaping Vail through the decades with his reputation for hard work, loyalty and unimpeachable integrity. We owe our gratitude to Josef for having the courage, leadership, vision, commitment and that shows the spirit of Vail in supporting its social, recreational, cultural and environmental values; this is our tribute to you as we extend our sincerest appreciation for your amazing and exceptional contributions to the betterment of the Town of Vail and broader community.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2020.

Vail Town Council

Attest:



Dave Chapin, Mayor

Tammy Nagel, Town Clerk