



**PROCLAMATION NO. 2, SERIES OF 2022**  
**IN RECOGNITION OF VAIL'S TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECIPIENT**  
**TERRELL "TERRY" MINGER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vail celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> 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**, 26-year-old Terrell "Terry" Minger, one of the youngest town managers in Colorado at the time was recruited by Vail founder Pete Seibert and Blake Lynch in 1969 to move to the mountains and help progressively lead the creation of a new town government; he was Vail's Town Manager from 1969 to 1979 and hit the ground running to transform an evolving village with dirt streets into a master planned community with qualities that have stood the test of time;

**WHEREAS**, Minger's first mission was to spearhead the adoption of the Vail Town Charter, approved by voters in 1972, creating the first home-rule town in Colorado allowing for a municipal governing framework that helped Vail control its own destiny;

**WHEREAS**, Minger was also instrumental in creating a forward-thinking master plan for the community which was adopted in 1973, with visionary components emphasizing pedestrian connections, rigorous design standards and procedures to ensure architectural and landscape compatibility; establishment of a transportation hub to provide centralized parking, transit and visitor information services, strict restrictions for loading and delivery activities in Vail Village, extensive network of bicycling and walking trails throughout town, emphasis on open space acquisition and landscape beautification, and development of a major community park-cultural center at Ford Park;

**WHEREAS**, Minger continued his work throughout the 1970s helping to lead initiatives and actions that would include: opening of Red Sandstone Elementary School, acquisition of the land that would become Ford Park, approval of a 1% real estate transfer tax for the purchase of open space, and approval of a series of bond issues used to build underground parking in Vail Village and Dobson Ice Arena; and

**WHEREAS**, Minger's early efforts also included founding the Vail Symposium in 1971, a community think tank nonprofit organization, surely innovative for its time; the Vail Symposium connected the young town to the outside world of ideas, education, art, politics, science, business and environment, and was used to shape Vail's values, beliefs and aspirations; more than 50 years later the Vail Symposium continues to stimulate community enrichment through its multi-faceted programs and Minger continues to be involved.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Vail honor Terry Minger as the seventh recipient of the Vail Trailblazer Award, a pioneer of early Vail whose leadership, inspiration and vision for establishing the framework to create a "next generation municipal government" has been the basis for Vail's long-term success; Minger's forward thinking approach helped secure the master plan for the community that would embrace and enhance Vail's social, recreational, cultural, educational and environmental values, and Minger's courage, innovation and commitment parallel Pete Seibert and Earl Eaton's dream to build an internationally acclaimed ski resort. This is our tribute to you Terry Minger as we extend our sincerest appreciation for your passion and contributions to the Town of Vail, thank you for innovating the next generation of ideas during Vail's early years and inspiring our Vail community to be the best it can be.

**Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022.**

**Vail Town Council**

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Kim Langmaid, Mayor

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Tammy Nagel, Town Clerk