



PROCLAMATION NO. 2, SERIES OF 2023
IN RECOGNITION OF VAIL'S TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECIPIENT
MARKA MOSER

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, Moser's love of the mountain as well as the people led her to move her young family to Vail in 1970 with a desire to help shape the emerging community. Her first contribution was joining in to help the Browns, Kruegers and Nottinghams with the community rummage sale – an effort which grew to become the hugely impactful Eagle Valley Community Fund (EVCF) Rummage Sale. She also worked to help the tiny public school by coordinating local volunteers to provide much needed extracurricular activities like music and P.E. and served as a permanent substitute for its three full-time teachers;

WHEREAS, Moser contributed to early childhood efforts through her instrumental role as president of the board for the ABC School, helping to secure its relocation, co-signing the mortgage for the new site and investing her time to ensure its continued success in Vail;

WHEREAS, Moser gave her time to the Buddy Werner League, an affordable ski and race program for youth, running the entire program at two different times during the 70's and 80's;

WHEREAS, Moser was an avid supporter of protecting Vail's waterways, serving on the board of the West Vail Water District in addition to being a member of the Eagle Piney Water Protection District which worked to protect area waterways from being diverted as water sources for Denver;

WHEREAS, Moser saw the need to tell families' stories through her work contributing articles and photos to the Vail Daily. Moser channeled her love of the local community into

articles that highlighted the achievements of children beyond the playing field – earning their Eagle Scout rank, persevering through a parent’s illness, starring in the school play or the story of young Kerry Donovan (later Colorado Senator Donovan) who had 13 years of perfect attendance at Eagle County Schools;

WHEREAS, Moser ensured Vail’s children had access to the arts over many decades, from serving on the board of the Vail Valley Children’s Choral to becoming a fixture at local children’s performances and dance recitals. She also supported the Vail Dance Festival through her writing and photography; and

WHEREAS, Moser continued her advocacy for locals through serving on the board of the Vail Valley Charitable Fund (VVCF) for over 20 years, supporting community members suffering from a medical crisis or long-term illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Vail honor Marka Moser as the eighth recipient of the Vail Trailblazer Award, she embodies the Vail pioneer spirit of seeing a need and jumping in to find a solution, no matter how big or small the issue. A quiet but steadfast force behind the scenes of many local initiatives, her impacts have been felt through generations of Vail community members. This is our tribute to you Marka Moser as we extend our sincerest appreciation for your passion and contributions to the Town of Vail, thank you for investing your time, efforts, and energy into preserving the pristine natural beauty of Vail and caring for its greatest asset, its people.

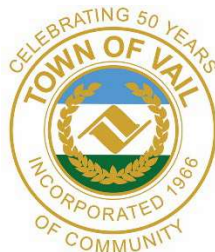
Dated this 7th day of February, 2023.

Vail Town Council

Attest:



Kim Langmaid, Mayor



Stephanie Bibbens, Town Clerk