

**PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PITKIN
COUNTY, COLORADO HONORING**

Devin Thomas and Ava Kaplan

WHEREAS, Devin Thomas and Ava Kaplan are the leaders of the Aspen High School Pathfinder Angels volunteer program; and

WHEREAS, these two girls unite and organize high schoolers who make meals and deliver them to people in our community struggling with cancer and other terminal illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Devin Thomas and Ava Kaplan personally made Thanksgiving dinners for Pathfinder clients. They designed special box dinners that included turkey, stuffing and all sorts of special treats; and

WHEREAS, throughout the many COVID lockdowns during their 2020/2021 school year, and while Devin and Ava were attending school from home, these girls personally made many, many meals for Pathfinder's people in need; and

WHEREAS, Devin Thomas and Ava Kaplan went beyond merely making and delivering meals. They worked closely with Pathfinders Director Alison Daly to learn about the people's lives they were helping and expressed the desire to learn about how kids their age can understand how to be present with others during grief or illness; and

WHEREAS, Devin Thomas and Ava Kaplan are now creating an extracurricular class around "emotional intelligence" so that they and others can honestly and authentically give back to others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize Devin Thomas and Ava Kaplan with a Pitkin County Cares "Health" award.

Dated this 12th day of October 2021

County Manager

Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners

Jon Peacock

Kelly McNicholas Kury - Chair