



Town of New Castle, State of Colorado

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Elk Creek Elementary School serves New Castle Students from pre-school through Grade Four; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 29 the United States Department of Education announced the selection of Elk Creek Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon School; and*

*WHEREAS, this honor recognized Elk Creek for Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing, meaning that the school has closed the learning gap among students of different socioeconomic backgrounds; and*

*WHEREAS, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said: "These great schools are fulfilling the promise of American education—that all students, no matter their name or zip code, can flourish when schools provide safe, creative, and challenging learning environments"; and*

*WHEREAS, Elk Creek Elementary was one of only four Colorado schools recognized with a Blue Ribbon award; and*

*WHEREAS, all New Castle citizens are proud of the hard work and achievement of the students, faculty and staff which made this award possible;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of New Castle recognizes Elk Creek Elementary School for this extraordinary achievement and the honor it brings to the RE-2 School District and to the Town.*

*Let this Proclamation be entered into the official records of the Town  
On this 21st day of October, 2014.*

Mayor:   
Bob Gordon

Attest:   
Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

