



Town of New Castle, State of Colorado

Proclamation

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle, Colorado, was incorporated on February 2, 1888,
and

WHEREAS, the Town's incorporation occurred approximately five years after Jasper Ward first settled, with his wife Annie and daughter Nettie, at the confluence of Elk Creek and the Colorado River, and

WHEREAS, New Castle quickly became a thriving city with as many as 2500 citizens following the discovery of rich veins of coal in the Grand Hogback, and

WHEREAS, many of the new citizens of the town immigrated from England, Italy and eastern Europe to work in the mines; and

WHEREAS, both the Denver & Rio Grand Railroad and the Colorado Midland Railroad extended lines to New Castle, enabling both the transport of coal to the Cardiff and Redstone coke ovens and easy passenger transportation to New Castle; and

WHEREAS, the miners, farmers and tradespeople in the Town's early years suffered many hardships, including three mine explosions in 1896, 1913 and 1918; and

WHEREAS, after the closing of the coal mines, residents of the town remained to build an economy based on cattle, agriculture, sawmills and fruit farming, exhibiting a pioneering spirit and a passion to provide a better life for their families, a spirit and passion that endures to this day; and

WHEREAS, the development of ranchland north of downtown New Castle added Castle Valley Ranch and Lakota Canyon Ranch to the town, and

WHEREAS, this new development brought new residents who chose the western edge of the Rocky Mountains as the ideal place to live, increasing the population to 4500 in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to commemorate the 125th anniversary of incorporation with all due celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of New Castle remembers and honors our original settlers, grieves again for the miners who lost their lives in unsafe mines, recognizes the importance of immigrants to the early economic success of our town, celebrates 125 years of accomplishments by the citizens of the town, and looks confidently toward a prosperous future; and further

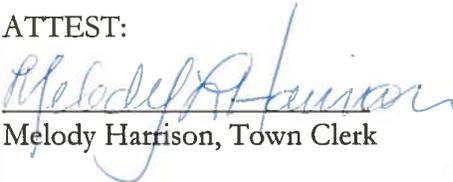
INVITES all our citizens to joyfully participate in community events throughout 2013, encourages former citizens to return to celebrate with us, and warmly invites visitors to join us and to consider New Castle as an inviting place to live, work and play; and finally

PROUDLY PROCLAIMS February 2, 2013 to be Incorporation Day, and the year 2013 to be the New Castle quasiquintennial year. Let all citizens of the town learn, honor and celebrate our distinguished history.

Let this Proclamation be entered into the official records of the Town


Frank Breslin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melody Harrison, Town Clerk

February 2, 2013

