

## Fremont County Board of Commissioners Proclamation

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WARRIORS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

**WHEREAS,** Fremont County has a proud and distinguished history of dedicated military service by men and women whose sacrifice, courage, and heroism preserve for past, present, and future generations the liberties and way of life within our democratic republic as set forth in our state and national constitutions; and

**WHEREAS,** Fremont County significantly benefits from the presence and military service of our veterans, including their family members and survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** The forefathers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars merged in 1914 to become a single organization working to secure veterans rights and benefits for their service; and

**WHEREAS,** The very heart of the VFW beats with these United States citizens and nationals with an honorable discharge from or currently serving in the United States military, who have served overseas during an operation or conflict and are decorated with an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or a campaign medal or ribbon; and

**WHEREAS,** The VFW has extended beyond the realm of simply being an organization for veterans helping fellow veterans and has become a leader in community involvement and civic volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS,** the Colorado General Assembly has designated the portion of Colorado State Highway 115 in Fremont County, from Mile Marker 15 to Mile Marker 27, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars Warriors Memorial Highway."

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, is hereby designated as VFW Warriors Memorial Highway Day. The County Commissioners urge all people of Fremont County to recognize, support and honor Veterans of Foreign Wars today and throughout the year.

Signed this 11th Day of April, 2023.

**Kevin Grantham, Chairman**District 1

**Debbie Bell**District 2

Dwayne McFall

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