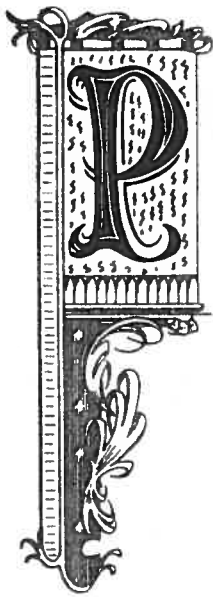


Office of the Mayor
Estes Park, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Craig Belshe having been born 1954 and growing up with three brothers – Chris, Curt and Dee; and

WHEREAS, he had a son Jackson in 1979 and married a teacher and librarian wife Peg, and celebrated the birth of his daughter Charlotte, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Craig Belshe came to Estes Park for his first teaching job over 30 years ago and started as a physical education teacher and coach; and

WHEREAS, during his first years in Estes Park, Craig Belshe ran a swimming pool, acted as lifeguard and pool manager, worked at the Wheel Bar and the lumber yard, and successfully coached swimming, track, football, knowledge bowl, wrestling and his favorite sport basketball; and

WHEREAS, Craig Belshe took on his first administrative job as assistant principal of Estes Park High School; and

WHEREAS, Craig Belshe during the next few decades, successfully stepped into difficult leadership positions in the Park R-3 School District as principal of Estes Park Middle School, Estes Park High School, and most recently as the principal of Estes Park Intermediate School. In each principalship, Mr. Belshe took schools in varying states of disarray and turned these schools into top-notch institutions respected not only by Estes Park residents but also by educators across the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, this past winter, Mr. Belshe was named the National Distinguished Principal for the State of Colorado. This prestigious award identifies Mr. Belshe as one of the top administrators in our State and country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Belshe leaves a legacy spanning three decades. He has touched countless lives. Students will remember him for his gentle manner and genuine concern. Teachers will remember Mr. Belshe as a dynamic leader who always put people first. The Town of Estes Park will remember Mr. Belshe as the finest educational administrator of this town's important educational history.

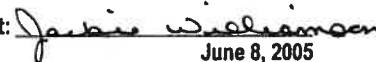
WHEREAS, Craig Belshe, his wife Peg, and his daughter Charlotte are now headed to the Cherry Creek School District. Mr. Belshe will be the Principal of Willow Creek Elementary School. This staff has no idea of the caliber administrator that Estes Park is sending their way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Estes Park do hereby acknowledge June 8th as

“CRAIG BELSHE DAY”

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused this seal to be affixed.*


John Baudek, Mayor

Attest: 
June 8, 2005

