

Proclamation
Officer Richard E Hart Day
October 18

WHEREAS, the Firestone Police Department's own Deputy Marshal Richard E. Hart was tragically killed in the line of duty on Oct. 18, 1982;

WHEREAS, Officer Hart was a beloved husband, father and public servant who was with the Firestone PD for five years before giving the ultimate sacrifice;

WHEREAS, Officer Hart was an Ohio native and Vietnam veteran, who came to know and love the small, close-knit Town of Firestone when it became home to him and his family nearly 40 years ago;

WHEREAS, Firestone Police Chief Tony Onorato, Sr. recruited Rick to serve as a part-time officer with the Firestone Police Department in 1977 based on his stellar reputation as a soldier and police officer in Duncan, Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, Officer Hart's name was added to the Bittersweet Park pavers, the Colorado State Patrol Academy at Camp George West pavers, the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial in 1999 and the National Washington DC Fallen Officer Memorial Wall;

WHEREAS, The Firestone community remembers the courage, humility and sacrifice of Officer Hart, giving purpose to his sacrifice and creating a legacy for our fallen hero;

WHEREAS, In 2002, the Town of Firestone dedicated Hart Park at 4th & Jackson, and in 2012 the park was updated and rededicated, for a new generation of Firestone families to reflect on the lasting legacy of a man who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our community;

WHEREAS, The Town of Firestone acknowledges that our past is connected to our present, and provides the foundation for our future;

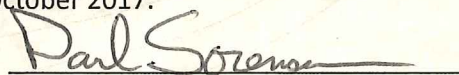
WHEREAS, We honor Officer Hart and his family by remembering and sharing his legacy with a new generation of Carbon Valley residents, including his seven grandsons who call the Carbon Valley home – the youngest of whom is named after his grandfather, Richard Hart;

WHEREAS, Together, we are – and always have been – Firestone Strong;

NOW THEREFORE I, Paul Sorensen, Mayor of the Town of Firestone, do hereby proclaim the 18th day of October 2017 as

Officer Richard E. Hart Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Firestone, Colorado, to be affixed this 25th day of October 2017.



Paul Sorensen, Mayor