

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2018

WHEREAS, an abiding reverence for nature defines and unites the Town of Crestone, whose residents share a deep spiritual connection to the natural world around them...the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness, the high alpine desert valley, the old growth cedar and pinon forests, the abundant wildlife, and the life-sustaining waters of the North Crestone Creek; and

WHEREAS, Town residents have long understood that humans are part of and dependent upon the natural world, which provides the necessities of life --air, water, food and home – and also nourishes the human spirit, thereby enabling humans not merely to exist, but also to flourish; and

WHEREAS, special recognition of the primacy of this relationship existed in the region long before the Town of Crestone was founded, when Native American Tribes considered the area to be sacred land and journeyed here for rites of passage, seeking insight and rejuvenation; and


WHEREAS, today, as in the past, visitors and residents alike receive nourishment, inner peace, and spiritual renewal from the region's pristine sacred land, and Town residents reciprocate these gifts by serving as stewards of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the understanding that humans must protect the natural world, though felt with particular intensity in Crestone, is widespread in society, as is demonstrated by the existence of both state and federal laws protecting the environment in general and clean, plentiful water in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees therefore wishes to join the growing number of communities, cities, and nations around the world that have recognized nature's rights,


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone that, consistent with this widespread understanding and in furtherance of Crestone's particular commitment to environmental stewardship, the Town of Crestone does officially recognize that nature, natural ecosystems, communities, and all species possess intrinsic and inalienable rights which must be effectuated to protect life on Earth.

DONE and SIGNED this 9th day of July, 2018.



Kairina Danforth, Mayor

Attest:



Allyson Ransom, Town Clerk