

Pronouncement

City of Black Hawk, Colorado

The mining camp, which would eventually become the City of Black Hawk, was established in May of 1859 as part of the Gregory Diggings. The Gregory Diggings was the location of the first lode gold discovery in the Territory of Kansas, which on February 28, 1861, became part of the Territory of Colorado. In June of 1860, William L. Lee, Dr. Frederick H. Judd, and Mylo Lee founded the town of Black Hawk Point. In the Third Session of the Colorado Territorial Legislature, on March 11, 1864, Black Hawk Point was incorporated as the City of Black Hawk, establishing Black Hawk as the second incorporated city in the Territory of Colorado, with Denver being first.

From Black Hawk's inception and through the remaining years of the 19th Century and much of the 20th Century, it was only through newspapers that Black Hawk residents and visitors learned about important issues of the day. And as it has been from the incorporation of the City, it is through newspapers that the City of Black Hawk publishes its Legal Notices, thereby meeting the legal obligation to keep its citizenry informed.

Through newspapers, the triumphs and the setbacks of the City have been reported, and it is through newspapers, the joys and sorrows of the day have been shared with the Black Hawk community.

It is now with due consideration that I, Mayor David D. Spellman, pronounce the following:

WHEREAS, the *Weekly Register-Call* can trace its publication lineage back to the *Tri-Weekly Miner's Register*, first published on July 28, 1862; and,

WHEREAS, the *Weekly Register-Call* is the undisputed oldest newspaper published in Colorado and has been published continuously in Gilpin County, never missing an edition in its 160-year history; and,

WHEREAS, even when there were competing newspapers published in Black Hawk Point or the City of Black Hawk, the *Weekly Register-Call* has diligently reported the news and happenings important to the residents and businesses of Black Hawk; and,

WHEREAS, the *Weekly Register-Call* has played a vital role in the City of Black Hawk's history as a community newspaper, recording events, both large and small, jubilant and mournful, serving as a historical archive of these events; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and memorialize the *Weekly Register-Call's* significant contribution as the newspaper of record for the City of Black Hawk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David D. Spellman, Mayor of the City of Black Hawk, do hereby, on behalf of the Board of Alderman and the residents and businesses of the City of Black Hawk, congratulate the *Weekly Register-Call* on its 160th anniversary and extend our best wishes for the continued success of this venerable Newspaper.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Black Hawk, this 25th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two, in the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.


Mayor David D. Spellman