



**PROCLAMATION NO. 5, SERIES OF 2016  
IN RECOGNITION OF VAIL'S TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECIPIENT  
DR. THOMAS I. STEINBERG**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vail recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of incorporation as a municipality on August 23, 2016 with numerous festivities involving former and present dignitaries who attended a luncheon at Pepi's; the unveiling of a new monument boulder at Mayors Park, and the birthday party celebration at Donovan Pavilion in which hundreds of community members and children attended to enjoy music, activities and 1,000 birthday cupcakes;

**WHEREAS**, the Vail Town Council wanted to recognize an individual that exemplifies the spirit and fortitude in making Vail a great community through selfless contributions of time and talent which have made a lasting impact; and to honor this person with a civic award to be given during this time of celebration, the "Vail Trailblazer Award";

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas I. Steinberg moved to Vail in 1965 to serve as the first full-time doctor, arriving with his wife, Florence, and their two young children, Kristina and Erik. As a new ski town, there were no medical facilities so he set up his practice in the Mill Creek Building, bringing his own medical and lab equipment and a commitment to serve the community with "real frontier medicine" early on;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas I. Steinberg practiced for 25 years and his long-term involvement with Vail Valley Medical Center helped them establish Vail's first hospital and eventually helped them pave the way to provide the most modern mountain healthcare in the world;

**WHEREAS**, in 1968 Dr. Thomas I. Steinberg was elected to his first term on the Vail Town Council, and served the longest tenure as one of Vail's elected officials, a total of 19 years; he was instrumental in helping Vail acquire land to be used for parks and open space, including the most notable Ford Park, the development of a comprehensive hiking system, with the Vail Trail as its first leg, and for creating awareness on many environmental initiatives;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed to the community by the Vail Town Council, the first recipient of the Vail Trailblazer Award is Dr. Thomas I. Steinberg, a man who has demonstrated over the past 50 years his courage, leadership, vision and commitment to enhance Vail's social, recreational, cultural, educational and environmental values that define this community, this is our tribute to you as we extend our sincere appreciation for your passion and contributions to the betterment of the Town of Vail and broader community.

**Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.**

**Vail Town Council**

**Attest:**



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Dave Chapin, Mayor

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Patty McKenny, Town Clerk