



**PROCLAMATION NO. 1, SERIES OF 2022**

**ONE BOOK ONE VALLEY, 2022**

A valley-wide Community Read sponsored by the  
Towns of Avon, Eagle, Gypsum, Minturn,  
Red Cliff and Vail

**WHEREAS**, Community Read programs have united and uplifted hundreds of cities and municipalities throughout the United States of America; and,

**WHEREAS**, the book “Tallgrass” by Sandra Dallas was published in 2007 and is available in paperback, large print, audio CD, eBook and eAudiobook formats. This book won the Spur Award for Best Western Short Novel (2008), is a WILLA Literary Award Nominee for Historical Fiction (Finalist) (2008), and a Missouri Gateway Readers Award Nominee (2010). “Tallgrass”, part thriller, part historical novel, is a riveting exploration of the darkest—and best—parts of the human heart, and is based on Camp Amache National Historic Landmark – a World War II Japanese relocation center near Granada, Colorado; and,

**WHEREAS**, New York Times best-selling author, Sandra Dallas, the author of 16 adult novels, 4 young reader novels, and 10 nonfiction books, was dubbed “a quintessential American voice” by Jane Smiley, in Vogue Magazine. Sandra’s novels with their themes of loyalty, friendship, and human dignity have been translated into a dozen foreign languages and have been optioned for films; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Eagle Valley Community Read is the 11<sup>th</sup> Year of the One Book One Valley initiative. “New this year” will be a juvenile companion title, “Red Berries, White Clouds, Blue Sky”, also by Sandra Dallas, which is available in paperback, eBook and eAudiobook formats. “After Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese, twelve-year-old Tomi and her Japanese-American family are split up and forced to leave their California home to live in internment camps in New Mexico and Colorado”; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Eagle Valley Community Read will feature multiple book discussions using both titles in venues around the valley; a showing of the documentary, “Children of the Camps” which captures the experiences of six Americans of Japanese ancestry who were confined as innocent children to internment camps by the U.S. government during World War II; a program on Asian culture as related to history; a living history presentation featuring Franklin D. Roosevelt; and, a special Guest Appearance by the author next spring; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Vail Public Library, in collaboration with the Bookworm of Edwards, Colorado Mountain College, Battle Mountain High School, Eagle Valley High School and Vail Mountain School have resolved to bring this valley-wide Community Read program to the citizens of Red Cliff; and,

**WHEREAS**, the One Book One Valley initiative will encourage literacy and shared enjoyment of reading throughout Eagle County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Town of Red Cliff do hereby proclaim the One Book One Valley initiative and officially announce and promote the novel "Tallgrass" to all Red Cliff residents for their enjoyment and the enjoyment of all.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

Red Cliff Board of Trustees

Attest:



Duke Gerber, Mayor



Melissa Matthews, Town Clerk

