

***Proclamation of the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County
Colorado Recognizing the Aspen Center for Physics
as it Celebrates its 50th Year in Aspen.***

WHEREAS, the Aspen Center for Physics was the brainchild of physicists George Stranahan and Michael Cohen who in 1961 first approached then Aspen Institute Executive Director, Bob Craig with a proposal for a unique research center where theoretical physicists might gather in the summer; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1962 on the campus of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies the Physics Center provided an unstructured environment, free from distractions, where physicists could work unfettered by their normal responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years 10,000 physicists have come to Aspen to ponder, argue and discover new ideas. Fifty three Nobel Laureates have participated, 65 countries have been represented, and nearly 10,000 journal articles, books and proceedings have been published citing the Aspen Center for Physics for contributions in everything from particle physics and astrophysics to nonlinear dynamics; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pitkin County were instrumental in helping the Aspen Center for Physics acquire its permanent campus.

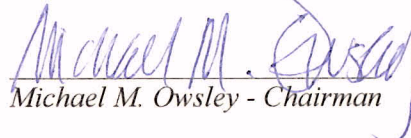
NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Pitkin County Commissioners and the people of Pitkin County are honored to recognize the Aspen Center for Physics for its unique, invaluable, and enduring contribution to our community.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2012

County Manager


Jon Peacock

Pitkin County Board of
County Commissioners


Michael M. Owsley - Chairman