

Proclamation

BAT WEEK

WHEREAS, Bats provide important ecological services that contribute substantially to the economy of the United States by protecting American forests and agriculture from crop-damaging insect pests and by providing the fundamental benefit of pollination; and

WHEREAS, Recent bat population losses from White-nose Syndrome and other factors require attention to ensure the sustainability of our food production systems and protect environmental and human health; and

WHEREAS, It is critically important to continue Federal and state efforts, including developing new public-private partnerships and increasing citizen engagement, to promote the health of bat populations; increase the quality and quantity of bat roosting and foraging habitat; and help restore bat populations to healthy levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, In recognition of the vital significance of protecting the health of bat populations, I, Mayor Karspeck, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, do hereby proclaim October 24–31, 2023, as Bat Week in the Town of Berthoud. I call upon all citizens to join me in celebrating the significance of bats with appropriate observances and activities.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Berthoud, on this 24th day of October 2023, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Berthoud to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



William Karspeck, Mayor

