

**Resolution No. R-021- 014**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION HONORING LOCAL LONE TREE TEENAGER GITANJALI RAO.**

**WHEREAS**, 15-year old Gitanjali Rao, of Lone Tree, Colorado, was awarded the first-ever "Kid of the Year" by *TIME* magazine; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali was selected from a field of more than 5,000 Americans ages 8 to 16; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali was selected for this honor for her astonishing work using technology to tackle issues, ranging from contaminated drinking water to opioid addiction to cyberbullying, by researching scientific tools such as artificial intelligence and carbon nanotube sensor technology and applying them to problems she sees in everyday life; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali is someone who always has wanted to put a smile on someone's face, and that her everyday goal is to make someone happy. Her goals soon turned into, "How can we bring positivity and community to the place we live?" And in second or third grade, she started thinking about how can we use science and technology to create social change; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali developed an app on the prevention of cyberbullying, via a service called *Kindly*, an app and a Chrome extension-that is able to detect cyberbullying at an early stage, based on artificial-intelligence technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali is also on a mission to create a global community of young innovators to solve problems around the world, and has created a series of workshops designed to show other kids how to tap into their curiosity, aspiring to create a generation of innovators; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali, in addition to her work with technology, is also involved with Douglas County 4-H serving as a member of the Bighorn Sheep Club for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gitanjali won first place in the "Refining Leadership Skills" Leadership Project category at the 2020 Douglas County Fair, and her win qualified her for the Colorado State Fair, where she earned Grand Champion in the Leadership Project, and also earned the Grand Champion title in 2018 and 2019, with this year marking her third straight win; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the invaluable contribution to Douglas County by Ms. Rao; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of Lone Tree resident Gitanjali Rao, and her accomplishments that resulted in her being awarded the first-ever *TIME* magazine's "Kid of the Year."

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**BY:**

DocuSigned by:

*Lora L. Thomas*

A4003EE630E6444

**LORA L. THOMAS, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

DocuSigned by:

*Kristin Randlett*

4D0E70F519BB420

**KRISTIN RANDLETT, Clerk to the Board**

DocuSigned by:

