



## *Proclamation*

### *A proclamation of the City of Leadville, Lake County, Colorado establishing Twinning with Allihies, County Cork, Ireland*

WHEREAS, Leadville and Allihies share a generational bond of the miners who immigrated from Ireland to the United States and became critical threads in the fabric of Leadville during its mining heyday in the Late 1800s; and

WHEREAS, those miners established a robust and foundational Irish community in Leadville that continues to this day; and


WHEREAS, from 1879 to 1881, the Leadville Irish community built the Annunciation Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, many people currently residing in Leadville can trace their ancestry to these tenacious families; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that about 40% of the Leadville Irish community who immigrated at that time in the late 1800s came from the copper mines in Allihies and West Cork; and

WHEREAS, it is significant to the communities of both Leadville and Allihies that Twinning will offer a relationship that will provide opportunities for exchange, understanding and sharing of our history, culture, education, entertainment and the arts, language, tourism, and commerce.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Greg Labbe, Mayor, and the City Council of Leadville, Colorado, do proclaim that, as of September 26, 2021, Twinning is hereby established between our communities, Leadville, Lake County, Colorado, USA and Allihies, County Cork, Ireland.

  
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Greg Labbe, Mayor  
City of Leadville