**RESOLUTION 2021-**

**WHEREAS**, Nino Gallo served Boulder County for 25 years and began his legacy work supporting immigrant farm workers and families as a housing manager for Casa Vista and Casa de la Esperanza; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino continued his immigrant work with Community Action Programs in 2000 by creating the Immigrant Advocacy, Latino Parent Leadership and our Know Your Rights Campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino was inspired to create the Personal Individual Enterprise program after attending a national Individual Development Account conference and partnering with the (then-named) Foothills United Way to support education, small business or home ownership goals with matched savings accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino’s gentle soul, commitment, and generosity contributed to his PIE clients’ wellbeing and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino was a founding partner of the Immigrant Integration Program that began 2002 and provided coordination of immigrant services and advocacy with El Comité de Longmont, Amistad, Intercambio and CAP; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino was involved in multiple community initiatives, advocacy, business and civic groups including the Latino Task Force and the Latino Chamber and was considered the county's original cultural broker; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino lead with authenticity, kindness, and love for humanity; modeled that every day to his co-workers and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino extended himself to other programs, agencies and local governments serving low-income people, immigrants, and vulnerable, at-risk community members to ensure they knew about his programs and how he could help support their work; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino always made those that crossed his path feel welcomed, included, and cared for; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino was known for bringing pisco (a brandy produced in winemaking regions of Peru and Chile) and sharing his infamous pisco sours at social events; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino’s commitment and support of Community Action Programs paved the way for the disenfranchised; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino was always known to have a smile on his face, funny come backs, and a cup of coffee in hand; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino mentored the generations that would proceed him by modeling the importance of good character and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino viewed the world with optimism even through moments where many of us couldn’t.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Boulder County Commissioners do hereby declare Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 (which is Nino’s birthday) as,

**Nino Gallo Day**

in Boulder County, encouraging employees, friends, and residents to engage in appropriate celebrations and reflections of Nino’s life; and

**THAT** the Commissioners extend our gratitude to Nino’s legacy of work in service to Boulder County.