

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation CP14-0128

Proclaiming Tuskegee Airmen Mile High Flight Program Day on February 24, 2014 to honor the Tuskegee Airmen – the First Black Military Pilots in the United States

WHEREAS, in 1941 Congress mandated the creation of an all-black Army combat unit and subsequently a Fighter Squadron was formed at the Tuskegee Institute for 250 enlisted men that became the famed Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, the Hubert L. “Hooks” Jones Chapter Tuskegee Airmen maintains the legacy of the much-decorated black heroes of World War II through education on the endurance, exploits, and achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen and through mentoring activities with young people about career opportunities in the aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, the group exposes hundreds of minority junior and senior high school students to opportunities designed to increase minority representation in the aviation/aerospace industry including field trips, airplane and glider flights, and training for a select few to fly solo through the Mile High Flight Program; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is proud to be the home of the Hubert L. “Hooks” Jones Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., one of 54 chapters in major cities and military installations across the country dedicated to motivating your Americans to pursue excellence and careers in aviation and aerospace; and

WHEREAS, the community is proud of the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen—especially those living in Colorado—who refused to allow adversity to diminish their spirit in their quest for equality for all people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That February 24, 2014 is proclaimed Tuskegee Airmen Mile High Flight Program Day to celebrate and honor the Mile High Flight Program and the proud tradition of the Tuskegee Airmen whose noble and selfless actions have inspired generations to follow in their footsteps.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Captain Eric Mosley, Mile High Flight Program Manager.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 24, 2014

PRESIDENT