

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 18-1475 Recognizing Pirates Youth Football Organization**

**WHEREAS**, The Pirates Youth Football Organization (PYFO) was established in 1969 by the late businessman and Denver City Councilman William Roberts and other northeast Denver/Park Hill residents and parents concerned about quality youth sports programs in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The PYFO is an extraordinary youth sports program that has made a tremendous impact within the Park Hill community, the city of Denver and the state of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, With the neighborhood of Park Hill having had its many challenges with gangs and gun violence, the PYFO has taken the necessary steps to consistently challenge community youth. The PYFO take pride in being a change agent, so the organization continues to create other opportunities that will divert youth attention toward more constructive and positive program activities. PYFO has introduced engineering camps, tutoring and mentoring camps, after-school enrichment programs and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the mission of the PYFO to ensure our players are prepared for the next level in life, in the classroom and on the field. The PYFO has proudly influenced young people to become, lawyers, doctors, politicians, attorneys, professional athletes, community leaders and hard-working citizens. The PYFO has impacted thousands of young men and women in the community and across the city; and

**WHEREAS**, Many Pirates players have gone to college on academic and athletic scholarships, graduated and are now reaching back in their communities to lend a helping hand. PYFO Alumni's willingness to support, mentor, and partner with PYFO over the years has helped create a level of tradition within the organization and instilled a great sense of pride in the young men of the PYFO and the Park Hill Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Pirates Alumni include Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Colorado State Representative James Coleman, DU Basketball Head Coach Rodney Billups, NBA Superstar and Finals MVP Chauncey Billups, NFL Superstars Calais Campbell, Lendale White, and Daniel Graham (honorary), Dr. Ryan Ross, Herman White Sr., Herman White Jr., Mikoyan Watson, Allen Webb, Roman Hollowell, Thal Woods, and so many more.

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

**Section 1.** That we gather here today with great joy, enthusiasm and community pride to celebrate this outstanding community youth sports organization and recognize the current athletes and coaches, the many outstanding alumni and the many contributions the PYFO has made and continues to make on behalf of youth, parents and families in Northeast Denver and the Park Hill community by proclaiming this day, Saturday, December 15, 2018 as "Pirate Youth Football Organization Day".

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Pirate Youth Football Organization.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 10, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J. ...', written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT