



**Proclamation No. 22-0305**  
**Recognizing the essential service provided by the RTD Transit Drivers and**  
**Proclaiming March 18 National Driver Appreciation Day**

**WHEREAS**, RTD transit operators safely transport passengers to the places and destinations they need to go such as school, work, and healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, RTD transit operators continued to provide front-line essential services to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, often putting their own health and welfare at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, transit operators are called on to demonstrate patience, empathy, humor, and understanding to create a safe and welcoming environment; and

**WHEREAS**, RTD transit operators travel 135,495 miles per day over 143 fixed routes including bus, rail, Free MallRide and Free MetroRide; and

**WHEREAS**, RTD transit operators contribute to a healthier environment because public transportation reduces the number of people driving single occupancy vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, transit operators are an essential part of the City's efforts to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and curb greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, RTD bus operators must drive a 28,000-pound vehicle in traffic conditions that are unforgiving to ensure customer and pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, RTD rail operators are trained with skills to operate millions of dollars' worth of specialized equipment to ensure the safety of thousands of customers; and

**WHEREAS**, transit operators merit appreciation and respect on Transit Driver Appreciation Day and throughout the year.

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

**Section 1.** The Denver City Council recognizes the hard work and commitment of RTD transit drivers.

**Section 2.** The Denver City Council invites the public to recognize transit operators by thanking them on March 18.

**Section 3.** That March 18, 2022 be recognized as National Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

**Section 4.** 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 transmit it to RTD and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1001.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 14, 2022

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PRESIDENT