

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23-0275

A Proclamation Honoring Retired Denver Police Officer Marsha Kiddoo

WHEREAS, in February of 1980 President Jimmy Carter signed an executive order recognizing March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, since 1890 women have played and continue to play a vital role in the operations and direction of the Denver Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Museum and the Denver Police Department have partnered to celebrate Women's History Month 2023 in honoring Sgt. Marsha Kiddoo; and

WHEREAS, Retired Denver Police Officer Marsha Kiddoo was born in Kansas City MO on August 16, 1940, and

WHEREAS, after hearing stories from her father about the wonderful quality of life in Denver, Marsha decided to apply for employment with the Denver Police Department in 1968 and was accepted into the Academy Class for 1968; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Academy, Marsha was initially assigned to the Juvenile Division where she spent four years until 1972, when the department changed policy and women were assigned to patrol; and

WHEREAS, she was assigned to Denver Police District 3 patrolling Broadway, parts of Downtown Denver and the Stockyards, and at the time of the death of fallen Denver officer Bruce VanderJagt, Marsha was the acting Sergeant on duty at District 3; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Marsha was recognized by the International Association of Women Police for her valuable contribution to law enforcement becoming the first Denver Police Officer to ever receive that honor; and

WHEREAS, Marsha was also as an excellent marksman and was officially classified as an expert, not only participated but winning several Denver Pistol Matches; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, she retired from the Denver Police Department and quickly joined the Colorado Community Corrections Division working closely with parolees as they attempted to reintegrate into society; and

WHEREAS, Marsha is known for her love of horses and the outdoors currently residing on a ranch near the Central City and Black Hawk area.

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby recognizes and honors Police Officer Marsha Kiddoo for her service to the citizens of Denver.

Section 2. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted Michael Hess and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 13, 2023

PRESIDENT