

Proclamation No. 25-1467 Honoring LatinasGive! and Latinos Impacting our Future Together (L.I.F.T.) for Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, **LatinasGive!** Was founded in 2014, at the Denver Foundation as Colorado's first Latina philanthropic giving circle made up of a group of visionary women spanning three generations who share their heritage, values, and a deep love for community action, by intentionally investing their time, talent, treasure, and testimony to support causes that center cultural pride, inclusiveness, equity, and community-driven leadership; and

WHEREAS, the mission of LatinasGive! is to strengthen our stories by promoting our strengths, responding directly to the evolving needs of our Latino community, and through intentional community investment supporting individuals, events, programs, and organizations addressing multigenerational issues; and

WHEREAS, Latinos Impacting our Future Together (L.I.F.T.) was founded in 2018, also at the Denver Foundation as Colorado's first men's giving circle, to empower men in our community to collectively invest in elevating identity, culture, and awareness through philanthropic action and advocacy, particularly supporting services and programming that uplift and empower Latino males and their families: and

WHEREAS, the members of LatinasGive! and L.I.F.T. broadly serve on nonprofit boards, volunteer hundreds of hours annually, and donate their personal finances to numerous causes, demonstrating a profound and holistic commitment to the advancement and wellbeing of our Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, these two giving circles have funded 136 organizations with nearly \$400,000 in grants, diversifying and improving the reach of philanthropy in Colorado and inspiring a new generation of culturally-rooted, community-led giving, and

WHEREAS, LatinasGive! and L.I.F.T. are not just granting funds—they are rewriting the narrative of philanthropy, demonstrating Latino generosity as a longstanding cultural value, one that transcends financial status, and is rooted in relationships, trust, and a shared commitment to our future.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognize LatinasGive! and Latinos Impacting our Future Together (L.I.F.T.) for their leadership, vision and generous work in advancing equity redefining philanthropy, investing in community, and strengthening collective giving. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor their contributions and invite the community to join in the legacy of giving, because as they remind us, "We are the ones we've been waiting for."

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder 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 LatinasGive! and Latinos Impacting our Future Together (L.I.F.T.).

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 6, 2025

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