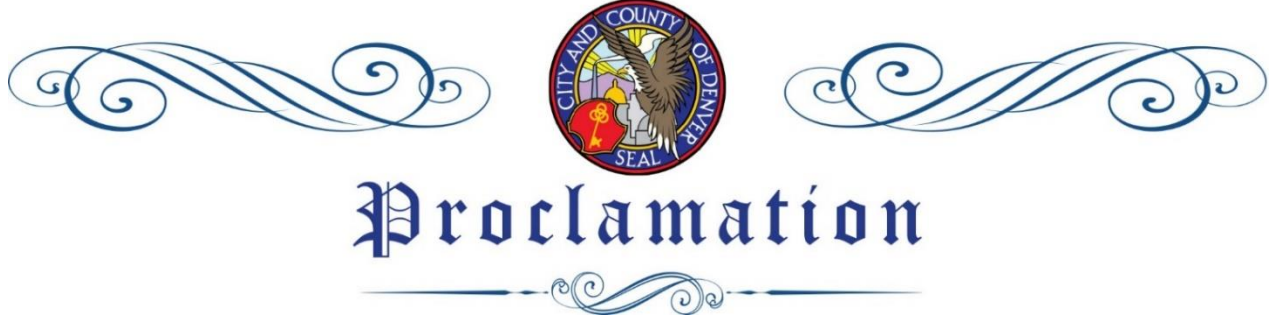


DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0649

Honoring the O'Hayres' Multi-Generational Service to the Denver Police Department

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared through Presidential Proclamation the week of May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Week in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Denver Police Museum has instituted its Legacy Program to honor and recognize multi-generational law enforcement service to our community and has chosen to highlight the O'Hayre family for Police Week 2026; and

WHEREAS William O'Hayre began the family's legacy upon joining the Denver Police Department on January 1, 1951, serving in Districts 2 and 3, excelling as a detective in the Burglary Division, solving numerous rape cases, and earning the Medal of Honor for his bravery during the attempted robbery of the Western National Bank; and

WHEREAS William's brother, Paul O'Hayre, joined the Denver Police Department in 1958 as a patrol officer downtown, going on to work several undercover assignments to suppress street robberies and crimes against women, earning recognition and being awarded a fellowship from the College of Criminal Justice; he also served as a patrolman, a technician, sergeant, a lieutenant, worked at the academy, was a shift commander, and a community relations liaison; and

WHEREAS Dan O'Hayre, son of William, joined the Denver Police Department as a cadet, graduating as the Outstanding Recruit of his class, going on to earn the Purple Heart in 1973 for a serious injury; he served with distinction in roles including patrol officer in Districts 2 and 4; detective in Vice, Narcotics Major Peddler Unit, and the Organized Crime Strike Force; sergeant in patrol and the Intelligence Bureau; lieutenant in patrol and Internal Affairs; captain aide to Chief Zavaras; commander of District 1; division chief of Staff Services; chief of Detectives, chief of Patrol, chief of Technology and Support, and deputy chief of Administration; and

WHEREAS Kelly O'Hayre, daughter of Dan, joined the Denver Police Department as a cadet in 1989 and went on to serve in patrol at Districts 3 and 4, as a detective in Domestic Violence and Homicide, and as a lieutenant in the Intelligence Bureau; and

WHEREAS Cari O'Hayre, daughter of Dan, joined the Denver Police Department in 2000 and served as a patrol officer in Districts 4 and 5; a community resource officer in District 3; a detective in District 6, Major Crimes, and the Firearms Assault Shoot Team; and currently serves in Major Crimes, Sex Offense Investigations; and

WHEREAS David Quinones, husband of Kelly O'Hayre, joined the department in January 1986 and served in District 4 patrol, the Gang Unit, as a sergeant in Internal Affairs and Narcotics, as a lieutenant at District 6, commander of District 1, division chief for Special Operations and Patrol, and as a deputy chief of the Denver Police Department; and

WHEREAS Paul Jimenez, husband of Cari O'Hayre, joined the Denver Police Department in 1998 has enjoyed a distinguished career marked by numerous citations including the Medal of Honor for bravery, and currently serves as commander of the Strategic Investigations Bureau; and

WHEREAS Dan O'Hayre Junior, served two years as a Volunteers In Police Service volunteer, staffing the 16th Street Mall kiosk and Bear Valley Cop Shop; and

WHEREAS Ryan O'Hayre, son of Dan O'Hayre, joined the Lakewood Police Department in 2005, serving in patrol, investigations, and as a canine handler; and

WHEREAS John Nelson, a cousin, began his career in 2006 serving on patrol and as a corporal in District 6, as a sergeant in District 4 and currently serves as a sergeant at the airport; and

WHEREAS Erin O'Hayre, also a cousin, continues the O'Hayre family legacy as a recruit in the current Denver Police Academy class.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes the O'Hayre family's outstanding 220 years of cumulative public safety service to the people of Denver.

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 the O'Hayre family, the Denver Police Department and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL MAY 11, 2026

PRESIDENT

