

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 23-1565 Honoring the National Organization of African Americans in Housing and the Northeast Park Hill Coalition

WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials gathered in Denver, Colorado, including Black housing executives representing public housing authorities who began thinking about forming an organization that might better reflect the professional needs of the Black executive and the African American community who lived in public housing; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals leading the effort were appointed by the Clinton Administration in senior management positions, thus putting on hold the creation of the organization; and

WHEREAS, In January 1988, the effort started anew. The National Organization of African Americans in Housing (NOAAH) was formed, a housing industry association whose members are involved in all aspects of housing development; and

WHEREAS, Through its 26 years of existence, NOAAH, its founders and members have been involved in every affordable housing issue, program and policy; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Northeast Park Hill Coalition (NEPHC), a Registered Neighborhood Organization, was established to engage community involvement in support of crime reduction and quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, NEPHC is a group of community advocates, leaders, residents and local workers, whose singular intention is to protect the community's long-term interests; and

WHEREAS, The Northeast Park Hill Coalition was instrumental in the revitalization of the historical Dahlia Square Shopping Center and the Holly Shopping Center in the Northeast Park Hill community as well as addressing housing issues for seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, In collaboration, the National Organization of African Americans in Housing and the Northeast Park Hill Coalition will be hosting a community housing forum, titled "A Community Gathering on Housing Realities", on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Cross Purpose Denver, 3050 Richard Allen Court.

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 the work of the National Organization of African Americans in Housing and the Northeast Park Hill Coalition.

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 LaMone Noles and Kevin Marchman.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 23, 2023

PRESIDENT

