

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23-0883

A Proclamation Honoring Senior Council Aide Andrew Nicla for Dedicated Service to the Office of At-large Councilwoman Robin Kniech and the Constituents of the City and County of Denver

WHEREAS, Andrew Nicla formerly worked in Colorado, had strong family ties here, and longed to return to our beautiful mountains, hiking and outdoors, and took a leap of faith in joining the office of At-large Councilwoman Robin Kniech in January of 2023 to help her finish out the last six months of her final term, allowing him to heed the call of returning to Colorado; and

WHEREAS, as a former journalist and congressional staff member Andrew brought his communication skills and talents to the At-large office, helping to dust off lonely social media channels and achieving the improbable goal of convincing his recalcitrant Councilmember to not only agree to post more often but to try new things like using reels and conversing with recycling bins; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is also a gifted photographer and his pictures helped to document important moments in the policy evolution of the city and the final months and legacy of Councilmember Kniech, including the passage of Construction Careers, the community leaders and final projects chosen in Denver's first publicly funded Participatory Budgeting process, Denver City Council's first-ever series on Substance Misuse, renovations a decade in the making at Denver International Airport and more; and

WHEREAS, he is a kind, patient and thoughtful individual who quickly built relationships with the entire Council and city family, supported Councilwoman Kniech during a meaningful and emotional end phase, and embodies the At-large office's commitment to collaboration across offices and with community on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, he had to adapt quickly to a breakneck pace for the finale phase of an office running many ordinances and producing end-of-term reports and videos, while learning the city and job, which took grace and patience which he exhibited on a daily basis, chipping in wherever needed in an ever-changing environment, helping us to tell important stories and amplifying messages regarding topics and values important to the people of Denver, offering insightful questions and ideas that helped us do new things.

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 thanks Andrew Nicla for his dedicated service to the At-large office of Councilwoman Robin Kniech and to the constituents of the City and County 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 to Andrew Nicla.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 26, 2023

_____ PRESIDENT