

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## **Proclamation No. 23-1905 In Honor of Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women & Girls**

**WHEREAS**, we citizens embracing and striving toward equality recognize that the worldwide problem of violence against women occurs even here in Denver, Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, gender violence is traumatic to the body, mind, and spirit and can prevent people from being fully active participants at home and in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of parents and caregivers is critical to the overall health and well-being of their families and the larger community; and

**WHEREAS**, gender violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the gains that have been made in ending gender violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in spite of the progress that has been made we need only to look at our newspapers or watch a television newscast to see the unfortunate truth that gender violence has not yet been eliminated here in Denver, nor around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zonta Club of Denver continues to come together to raise awareness, stimulate discussion, and advocate for local solutions that will curb gender violence; and

**WHEREAS**, these local groups join thousands of other groups from around the world in asserting that the right of women and men to be free of violence is a fundamental human right.

**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 proclaim the sixteen days between International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women on November 25<sup>th</sup> and International Human Rights Day on December 10<sup>th</sup> as the Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. During these sixteen days, all citizens are urged to support those who work to end gender violence and to participate to learn about the detrimental consequences gender violence has on the wellbeing of the community.

**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 the Zonta Club of Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL DECEMBER 4, 2023

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PRESIDENT

