

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



**Proclamation No. 23-1823  
Celebrating World Children's Day 2023, *For Every Child, Every Right***

**WHEREAS**, World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is the only United Nations member nation that has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the city and county of Denver committed to work towards Denver becoming a UNICEF Child Friendly City, in accordance with the goals enshrined in the UNCRC; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver's Office of Children's Affairs is leading the effort to support Denver in becoming a UNICEF Child Friendly City, working with an array of community volunteers and partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme *for every child, every right* offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children; and

**WHEREAS**, from climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future; and

**WHEREAS**, this World's Children's Day, it's more important than ever that the world listens to their ideas and demands.

**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 recognizes, Monday November 20, 2023 as: World Children's Day in the City and County of Denver and worldwide.

**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 UNICEF and Denver Office of Children's Affairs.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 20, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. L. ...', is written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT

