

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-1047 Proclamation Honoring Denver Police Surgeons Dr. Frank Dulin and Dr. Robert M Campbell

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Department was founded in 1859 and will celebrate its 165-year anniversary in 2024, and over eight thousand men and women have served the City and County of Denver since that time; and

WHEREAS, the role the police play in emergency response has changed throughout history, much of the change has been driven by advances in technology and the development of other forces focused on responding agencies; and

WHEREAS, Police Surgeons began working in the department in the late 1890's, before the development of paramedics, and would respond when police were summoned and the request indicated that violence or injury were involved; and

WHEREAS, Police Surgeons would offer medical assistance to victims of crime, perpetrators of crime, and injured officers. The Police Surgeons were also known to provide medical advice to individual officers and many times officers' families as needed; and

WHEREAS, the role of Police Surgeon would many times require the surgeon to go into difficult and dangerous situations which required compassion and bravery; and

WHEREAS, on two occasions Denver Police Surgeons lost their lives attempting to render medical aid to Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dulin was born in Kentucky on August 27, 1857, and graduated from the University of St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1882. Dr. Dulin was known for his sympathetic nature and his love of the outdoors. He would travel great distances to administer medical assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1905, Dr. Frank Dulin was killed along with Denver Police Captain William Bohanna as they responded to Denver's first mass shooting; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell was a native of Canada and was born in 1868. He attended McGill School of Medicine in Montreal and later received additional training at the University of Denver School of Medicine. Dr. Campbell became a US citizen in 1890, moving to a small rural Colorado town of Mosca in the San Luis Valley. He provided badly needed health care to this economically challenged area of our state; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1936, Dr. Robert Campbell was killed in an auto accident while on duty and served as a Denver Police Surgeon for 18 years before his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, both men appear on the Denver Police Department Memorial and the National Fallen Officer Memorial in Washington D.C.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes and acknowledges the brave service and sacrifice of both these outstanding gentlemen as they provided medical care to our city's residents.

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 transmit copies to the Dulin and Campbell families, the Denver Medical Society and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 12, 2024

PRESIDENT

