

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-1236 Honoring the Life of Marjorie Briggs Morrison

WHEREAS, Marjorie Briggs Morrison, born on November 28, 1926, in Beaumont, Texas, was a trailblazer who dedicated her life to advancing equity, justice, and community well-being throughout the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie Morrison was a pioneer, breaking barriers as the first Black stenographer in the Colorado State Senate and the first Black mayoral appointee, serving eight Denver administrations from 1947 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, her courageous leadership in ending discriminatory practices at Colorado Women's College and her role in challenging housing redlining practices in Denver stand as testament to her commitment to fairness and equality for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morrison was instrumental in ensuring representation for Denver's Black community during the city's Centennial Celebration and continued to advocate for racial justice by helping establish the Denver Anti-Crime Council and ensuring local polling places were integrated; and

WHEREAS, she used her platform to elevate community voices, including her popular KDKO radio segments, "Marjorie Morrison's Homemaker Tips," which became syndicated nationally; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morrison's legacy includes not only her contributions to civic engagement and racial justice but also her loving role as wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, enriching the lives of her family and community for nearly a century; and

WHEREAS, we mourn the passing of Marjorie Briggs Morrison, who went on to Glory on September 16, 2024, at the age of 97, but celebrate her enduring contributions to the fabric of Denver's history and future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby proclaim that Marjorie Briggs Morrison's life and legacy will forever be honored and cherished by the people of Denver. Her tireless work for justice and equality continues to inspire us to create a more inclusive, equitable and compassionate city. The Denver City Council declares September 16, 2024, as an annual day to honor Marjorie Briggs Morrison in the City and County of Denver. May her memory serve as a guiding light for future generations.

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 that a copy be transmitted to Simone Ross.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 23, 2024

PRESIDENT

