



Proclamation No. 25-1152
Honoring The Life and Legacy of André Pettigrew

WHEREAS, André Pettigrew was born on January 26, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan. He was a devoted husband to Malaika Pettigrew and a loving father to two daughters and one son. In 1992, the family moved to Colorado to take advantage of the state's economic opportunities and its majestic environment; and

WHEREAS, André earned a B.A. in economics from UCLA, a fellowship in green economic development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and a certificate from the Senior Executive Program in State and Local Government at Harvard Kennedy School; and

WHEREAS, André served as the executive director of the Office of Economic Development under then-Mayor John Hickenlooper, for the City of Denver. In this role, he managed 300 employees, four divisions, and was instrumental in developing and implementing the city's economic strategy during the "Great Recession." He not only attracted major corporations to Denver but also worked extensively with the city's entrepreneurial community; and

WHEREAS, André served in Governor Roy Romer's executive cabinet, managing the state's \$11 billion budget, 56,000 employees, and 23 state agencies; and

WHEREAS, André held the position of chief operating officer of Denver Public Schools, overseeing business operations and a \$107 million budget; and

WHEREAS, André left a legacy to the city, state, and his loved ones when he passed away on July 11, 2025.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes André Pettigrew for his impact on the City and County of Denver and the State of Colorado.

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 his children Maya Pettigrew, Jason Pettigrew, and Naima Pettigrew.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 11, 2025

Amursh P. Sandoval

PRESIDENT

