

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 21-1434 Honoring the Daddy Bruce Randolph Legacy

WHEREAS, Elder King Harris and Reverend Ronald Wooding, D.Min., formerly Pastors of the Epworth United Methodist Church, are determined to continue the 57-year holiday tradition initiated in 1964 by Daddy Bruce Randolph of providing Thanksgiving meals to Denver's less fortunate residents; and

WHEREAS, the Daddy Bruce Legacy Foundation, the Epworth Foundation, and the Epworth United Methodist Church help to continue the Denver Feed a Family event in honor of Daddy Bruce Randolph's food distribution, helping to strengthen and develop relationships with individuals, as well as with religious, business, and civic organizations to heighten awareness of the plight of many in our community; and

WHEREAS, the financial sponsors for the 2021 Feed A Family event are Reconstruction Road Ministries, Brookfield Properties, Kodiak Building Partners, Colorado Health Foundation, The Holt Group, Ardent Mills, MidFirst Bank, Mortenson Construction, Amazon, CMTS, and PEI Corporation, and countless community members; and

WHEREAS, in this year, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate food insecurity in our city, with more individuals seeking support to feed their families; and

WHEREAS, due to supply chain constraints, 7,500 gift cards are being distributed so that families may purchase their turkey and all the trimmings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday; and

WHEREAS, in a return to Daddy Bruce's original Thanksgiving Day food distributions, the Epworth Foundation will also distribute 500 free warm meals on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Epworth United Methodist Church on Bruce Randolph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Daddy Bruce, every year, hundreds of volunteers and donors give selflessly of their time, energy, and money to carry on this Denver humanitarian tradition of providing assistance to thousands of Denver families at this annual Thanksgiving event.

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 hereby honors and thanks all those involved in their commitment to ensuring that the Denver tradition of caring for and assisting our community's less fortunate through direct food distribution, other means of support and aid, and encourages donations by the community to help continue this worthwhile effort.

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 Epworth Foundation and the 2021 financial sponsors.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 22, 2021

_____ PRESIDENT