

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 22-1012 Celebrating Shine Music Festival 2022**

**WHEREAS**, on August 27, 2022, Shine Music will host the world's largest universally designed music festival in Civic Center Park; and

**WHEREAS**, by combining the staples of a typical music festival, comprehensive accessibility plans, and cutting-edge adaptive technology, Shine Music Festival is a barrier-free space where people of all abilities can collectively participate; and

**WHEREAS**, Shine Music events are free to ensure everyone always has the ability to attend; and

**WHEREAS**, Civic Center Park is a place for everyone, everyday. It is a place where our community comes together to play, pause, and protest. A major focus of the upcoming Civic Center Next 100 improvements to the Greek Theater, is accessibility to ensure that all can use, program and enjoy the space.; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Shine Music non-profit was created to break down the barriers that prevent people with any disability from not only attending but enjoying the day as much as anyone else. It's hard to imagine, but an event like the Shine Music Festival has never happened anywhere in the world...until now; and

**WHEREAS**, the inaugural Shine Music Festival was held in Denver, CO on August 8, 2021. Despite the pandemic and global record-breaking air quality, it was an amazing day filled with music, food, fun and most importantly, inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, for over one billion people, or 15% of the world's population, attending a live music event can be impossible due to lack of accessibility. Existing venue infrastructures barely meet the ADA compliance standards and even then, only accommodate those with mobility issues. Shine Music set out to change this; and

**WHEREAS**, Shine Music collaborates with like-minded organizations, with years of experience enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities, to promote awareness and education within the local community on the importance of events being inclusive and accessible.

**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 August 27th as Shine Music Festival day.

**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 Shine Music.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 22, 2022

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