

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 18-0814**

**Honoring Former Police Chief Robert C. White**

**WHEREAS**, Chief White was appointed as Denver's Chief of Police on December 12, 2011, and he has the distinction of being the first African American Chief in the department's 159-year history; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief White's community policing philosophy was instrumental in increasing trust and building positive relationships between the members of the police department and community, especially at a time when trust of police across the nation was at an all-time low; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief White was brought to Denver as a change agent and was charged with improving the department's culture and did so by reorganizing the agency, holding employees accountable, creating a new discipline process, hosting employee appreciation events; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career with the City, Chief White adopted new technology and policies to increase safety for residents and officers which include the implementation of body worn cameras, an interactive training simulator, gunshot detection technology, trauma first aid kits supplied to all officers (which have saved lives), and many other technological advancements, in addition to the policy involving shooting into cars, modified use of force policy, decision making model, duty to render aid, demographic data collection, amongst others; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief White is an ambassador for enhancing community relations which was evident through his emphasis on having positive contacts with youth, appointing DPD's first liaison to the LGBTQ community, encouraging his command staff to meet with residents on a consistent basis, hosting community forums and events, creating the department's annual Cookout with the Cops and School Supply Giveaway where thousands of families received school supplies and free food; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as Chief of Denver Police, Chief White increased officer resiliency and wellness knowing that officers see and experience horrific things and need resources to take care of themselves, additionally under his watch, the recruitment of new officers was enhanced; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief White's reputation across the country reflects his love for being a police officer, respect for the community and ability to create change for the betterment of the community and officers; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief White will be known and remembered for his efforts in making the Denver Police Department a world class Department, and it will be the next generation of police officers who he trained and mentored who will have the greatest impact on the City and community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Chief Robert C. White for his dedicated work and tireless efforts as Denver's Chief of Police on behalf of the City and County of Denver and its citizens.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Chief Robert C. White.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 23, 2018

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PRESIDENT