

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 22-0921 Celebrating RTD's "Zero Fare for Better Air" in August 2022**

**WHEREAS**, good air quality is essential to quality of life and a vibrant economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver region is on the precipice of designation as an area of "severe" non-attainment of health-based standards for ozone pollution with significant potential for federal intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, ground-level ozone triggers asthma attacks, worsens existing respiratory illnesses, and makes breathing difficult, particularly for the very young, elderly, and those exercising outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, emissions from cars, trucks, vans, and motorcycles are some of the largest contributors to ground-level ozone in metro Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, using transit, instead of a personal vehicle for trips, is one effective way to reduce ground-level ozone; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Senate Bill 22-180 made funding available for free transit statewide during the summer ozone season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Transportation District (RTD), which provided nearly 106 million passenger trips in 2019, is providing zero fare transit during the month of August all day, every day, on all buses and trains across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver is committed to supporting collaborative approaches to reducing air pollution and expanding mobility options for residents of Denver and our neighbors in the metro region regardless of their age, income, or abilities.

**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 celebrates RTD's "Zero Fare for Better Air" in August 2022.

**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 copies be transmitted to Denver Streets Partnership, GreenLatinos, and CoPIRG.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 1, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT