

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



**Proclamation No. 26-0253**  
**A Proclamation Honoring Retired Denver Police Officer Barbara Cisneros During Women's History Month 2026**

**WHEREAS** Barbara Cisneros was born at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital on May 21, 1951 to Kathleen Waterworth growing up in Denver and attending Gust Elementary School, Kunsmiller Middle School and finally attending High School at Denver Lutheran; and

**WHEREAS** Barb's mother was responsible for providing for the family, she took a job as the assistant manager of Taylor's Supper Club, a highly popular entertainment restaurant venue in Denver. With her mom managing the venue, Barb became a waitress at the club and spent countless hours working hard to help her mom and make sure the family could make ends meet; and

**WHEREAS** since the venue was closed on Sunday, many of the various entertainment acts would come to Barb's family home to have dinner. Barb became well acquainted with such stars as Don Adams from the Get Smart television show, Singer Kay Starr, the Sandpipers and countless other entertainers; and

**WHEREAS** in 1977 Barb married Myles Keating and helped raise stepsons Michael and Sean Keating; and

**WHEREAS** Barb decided she needed additional education and attended night school at Arapahoe Community College while working full time at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. Barb began her career at Merrill Lynch in the mailroom and eventually became a paralegal for the company; and

**WHEREAS** Barb always was known for her desire to help people and strongly supported law enforcement in the community. In 1993, she joined the Denver Police Department as a Reserve Officer working in Denver Police District 3 and District 6, Capitol Hill, and in the Traffic Division; and

**WHEREAS** Barb enjoyed her service as a Reserve Officer and proved to have many of the critical skills and traits needed by the department; and

**WHEREAS** in November of 1996, Barb applied and was hired as a full-time officer on the Denver Police Department working for the future Denver Police Chief Gerald Whitman. Barb was assigned to District 6 then to the Traffic/DUI Unit and Citywide Accident Car where she excelled; and

**WHEREAS** in 2000, Barb married Fred Cisneros, also a very well-respected Denver Police Officer. Fred and Barb became full time caregivers for Terriane, an adult with special needs who they continue to look after today; and

**WHEREAS** in 2007, Barb decided to retire from the Denver Police Department due to an injury; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009, Barb went to work at Denver's Children's Hospital as a part-time security officer. Barb's strong desire to help people and her ability to empathize with people in need resulted in her becoming a patient representative; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 she left Children's Hospital and began to participate in a number of DPD retiree events especially involving the Denver Police Museum. Today Barb plays a critical role in the operation of the museum, planning events and conducting numerous tours. Due to her gregarious manner, she handles the many tours with special needs students and has the ability to build a strong relationship with all museum visitors; and

**WHEREAS** her faith has always been a corner stone of her life and it is always been reflected by her many abilities to help people in need and the manner she conducts herself.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council appreciates the many years of service that Officer Barbara Cisneros provided to the Citizens of Denver and the countless hours she has spent attempting to provide assistance and comfort to those in need.

**Section 2.** The Clerk shall affix the Seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and transmit copies to the Cisneros family and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 9, 2026

Signed by:

*Diana Romero Campbell*

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PRESIDENT

