

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 22-0690 Honoring the Life of Tillie Duran Hurd

WHEREAS, Tillie Duran Hurd, longtime Northeast Denver resident, passed away in her home at the age of 95 on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Tillie was born in Vaughn, New Mexico, in 1927 and left in 1948 to marry R.T. Hurd who had been hired as a chef at Mt. Vernon Country Club on Lookout Mountain in Colorado. The young couple settled in Genessee in a small cabin, going into Denver to enjoy live jazz concerts in Five Points; and

WHEREAS, when they started a family, the Hurds moved to Denver, eventually settling in the Eastside, where their young children Manual, Helen, Teresa and Earbie could grow; and

WHEREAS, as her children grew older, Tillie and her husband decided to become foster parents with Denver's Social Services Department. Many children came into the Hurds' home over the next decades—some returned home to their families; others were adopted by the Hurds; and others remained with them as their forever foster children. All were cared for and loved. In 2001, DSS awarded Tillie a "40-Year Pin" for her 40 continuous years as a foster parent; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a foster parent, Tillie was the babysitter for her grandchildren and for her neighbors. Many young working mothers found in her a reliable babysitter for their children who charged only what the mothers could afford; and

WHEREAS, Tillie Hurd cared for hundreds of children in Denver. She had a total of three adopted children, five forever foster children, four biological children, and seven stepchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tillie was a lifelong Broncos fan who cheered for her team and cried when they lost. She was also a longtime parishioner at Annunciation and Loyola Catholic Churches who never missed a bingo night; and

WHEREAS, as we say goodbye to Tillie Duran Hurd, we are honoring a mother to so many on the Eastside who lived her life to the fullest.

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 the life and honors the memory of Tillie Duran Hurd.

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 her daughter, Helen Rigmaiden.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 6, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Filmon".

PRESIDENT