

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0481 Honoring Howard Farkas and his 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Howard Farkas, born in Chicago, IL on April 1, 1924 celebrates his 100th birthday on April 1, 2024 which will be marked as a historical milestone and celebrated as “Howard Farkas Day” at Windsor Gardens; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Farkas, an accountant and visionary, partnered with builder Warner Livingston for purchasing Windsor Farm at E. Alameda Ave. and Dayton St. despite it not being for sale or an ideal location, however, the proximity to Denver was promising; and

WHEREAS, Farkas broke ground on June 23, 1962 for what would become the first and largest community of its kind in Colorado: Windsor Gardens Association; and

WHEREAS, Farkas introduced the condominium concept to this part of the country, and watched it grow into a major facet of the Colorado housing market; and

WHEREAS, Farkas was instrumental in developing the first condominium legislature in the state of Colorado, and spearheaded the condominium business operations for lenders, consumers, assessors, and local governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Farkas was recognized in the Rocky Mountain News for his unique management approach and availability to staff, buyers, and his growing condominium communities, being noted as reason for his great success; and

WHEREAS, Farkas was named “Colorado’s Condominium King,” in a Rocky Mountain Journal feature from April 5, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Farkas will be celebrated today for his 100th birthday milestone, and always, as the kind, accomplished, creative, and intelligent visionary, founder and developer of Windsor Gardens Association.

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 and honors Howard’s contributions and dedication to the citizens of Denver.

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 Howard Farkas and Windsor Gardens.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 8, 2024

PRESIDENT

