

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 22-1499

Feeding Families and Remembering Legends:

Honoring the Memories of Daddy Bruce Randolph and Pastor Ronald Wooding

WHEREAS, Elder King Harris, formerly Pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, and Reverend Frank Jones, Pastor of God's Will Christian Fellowship, are determined to continue the 58-year holiday tradition initiated in 1964 by Daddy Bruce Randolph of providing Thanksgiving meals to Denver's less fortunate residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, then-Pastor Ronald Wooding, who was living on Bruce Randolph Avenue at the time, brought the tradition to Epworth United Methodist Church, also located on Bruce Randolph. Working through the Epworth Foundation, Rev. Wooding took over the work of Daddy Bruce, creating the Denver Feed A Family program giving away Thanksgiving baskets every year; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wooding passed away on May 25 of this year, so to honor him and Daddy Bruce Randolph, the theme of this year's event is *Feeding Families and Remembering Legends: Honoring the Memories of Daddy Bruce Randolph and Pastor Ronald Wooding*.

WHEREAS, the Daddy Bruce Randolph Legacy Foundation, the Epworth Foundation, and Epworth United Methodist Church help to continue the Denver Feed A Family event in honor of Daddy Bruce Randolph's food distribution, helping to strengthen and develop relationships with individuals, as well as with religious, business, and civic organizations to heighten awareness of the plight of many in our community; and

WHEREAS, the financial sponsors for the 2022 Feed A Family event include Reconstruction Road Ministries, the Daddy Bruce Randolph Legacy Foundation, Mortenson Construction, CMTS, Brookfield Properties, Ardent Mills, City Council District 9, Denver Human Services, Denver's Neighborhood Equity & Stabilization Division, and countless community members; and

WHEREAS, economic inflation and the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to exacerbate food insecurity in our city, with more individuals seeking support to feed their families; and

WHEREAS, this year is Epworth's 20th anniversary of organizing the Thanksgiving food giveaway that Daddy Bruce started. Their goal is to feed 5,000 families during this year's distribution, which will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Daddy Bruce, every year hundreds of volunteers and donors give selflessly of their time, energy, and money to carry on this Denver humanitarian tradition of providing assistance to thousands of Denver families at this annual Thanksgiving event.

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 hereby honors and thanks all those involved in their commitment to ensuring that the Denver tradition of caring for and assisting those in need through direct food distribution, other means of mutual support and aid, and encourages donations by the community to help continue this worthwhile effort.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the City Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Epworth Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 14, 2022

PRESIDENT