

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 22-0217 HONORING CHARLES “CT” SMITH**

**WHEREAS**, The Denver Police Museum, the Denver Police Department, the Denver Black Officers Association, and the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library have all partnered to celebrate Black History Month, February 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The above organizations have chosen to honor an outstanding Black Denver police officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles “CT” Smith was born on November 9, 1935 in Denver, into a family with a strong history of service to the citizens of Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, CT graduated from Denver Public Schools after attending Whittier Elementary School, Cole Middle School, and Manual High School and was a distinguished student athlete at the University of Colorado, where he earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, CT began his service to the citizens of Denver working for Denver Parks and Recreation and in 1959 decided to further serve his community by becoming a Denver police officer; and

**WHEREAS**, CT played a vital role in the creation of Denver’s Crime Stoppers program, which continues to play an important role in the community today; and

**WHEREAS**, CT found other ways to serve the community, becoming a board member and a videographer for the Owl Club of Denver Scholarship Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, CT was appointed as the fourth Black division chief in the department’s history, overseeing the Traffic Division and Denver International Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, CT retired in 1995, after 36 years of service with DPD.

**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 the retired Division Chief Charles “CT” Smith for his leadership and service to the people 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 retired Division Chief Charles “CT” Smith.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 14, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT