

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation No. 24-1426 Proclamation Honoring Global Peer Support Celebration Day

**WHEREAS**, Global Peer Support Celebration Day (GPSCD) occurs annually on the third Thursday in October. Peer supporters (also known as peer providers) from across the globe reflect on and celebrate the important role they play in helping those with mental health, addiction, and or trauma-related challenges move along the continuum of recovery and inclusion into communities of their choosing; and

**WHEREAS**, peer supporters are trained providers who use their lived experience to encourage, engage with, and support others with mental health, addiction, and or trauma-related challenges, using the recovery model and the principles and values of peer support to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the belief that recovery is possible for all who experience mental health, addiction, and or trauma-related challenges is fundamental to the practice of peer support. Peer supporters use the working definition of recovery, the guiding principles of recovery, and core values to empower and assist their peers to live a life of their choosing, improving the likelihood of long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, peer support is an emerging best practice, has proven to be a cost-effective treatment for mental health, addiction, and traumatic challenges, reduces inpatient hospital days and recidivism rates, and increases the ability to access expensive and more restrictive community-based services; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's Global Peer Support Celebration Day goal is to increase public awareness of peer supporters, the services they provide, how they are impacting the lives of countless seniors, adults, children, adolescents, and families within the health and human services industry, and how they are providing a shining example of recovery in the places where they work.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council does hereby proclaim our recognition and appreciation of peer supporters for their valuable work, services and guidance in our community.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Denver Department of Public Health and & Environment, Caring for Denver, and peer support teams.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 14, 2024

*Amursh P. Sandora*

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PRESIDENT

