

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

PROCLAMATION NO. 20-1004

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF RICHARD RUIZ

WHEREAS, since 1868, through multiple eras of innovation and intentional planning, design and policy, a rich legacy of parks and open space has been shaped in Denver; and

WHEREAS, Denver Parks and Recreation supports the physical and mental health of resident by maintaining over 250 parks and providing activities in over 30 recreation centers accessible to people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Richard Ruiz helped Denver Parks and Recreation fulfill its mission to provide dynamic, innovative programs and safe beautiful spaces to Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, in Richard's work within Denver's Mountain Parks, he put his painting skills to work on numerous buildings and facilities and took great pride in all his projects. He also took the time to teach many youth and volunteer groups about the various projects within the mountain park system, from fencing to trail-building; and

WHEREAS, Richard assisted in the care of Denver's bison herds at Genesee and Daniel Parks, helping to maintain these unique assets for the city, by caring for more than 350 bison calves in his career, and was a huge help in preparing for the annual bison auction; and

WHEREAS, Richard played a major role in operating heavy equipment, maintaining water systems, and painting many Mountain Park facilities, and was seen by his colleagues as "a pleasure to work with throughout the day".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes and honors the dedicated service of Richard Ruiz to the residents of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Richard Ruiz.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 21, 2020

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