

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 21-0783 HONORING THE MILITARY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AND WELCOMING THE ATHLETES TO DENVER**

**WHEREAS**, In 2017 the Military Basketball Association (MBA) was founded to promote the military athlete; and

**WHEREAS**, The MBA's mission of "Life through Basketball" focuses on raising awareness of the behavioral health concerns veterans face, especially the challenges and stigmas around Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and the need for supports in reducing the rate of veteran suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2018 the MBA hosted its inaugural Finals event with 16 men's teams from across the country competing for the title; and

**WHEREAS**, After a 2020 hiatus due to the pandemic, the 2021 MBA Finals will be held in the heart of the City and County of Denver at the Auraria Campus, home to MSU-Denver and University of Colorado-Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, MBA Finals weekend 2021 includes 16 men's teams and 6 women's teams, a 3-point contest, dunk contest and MBA Hall of Fame dinner; and

**WHEREAS**, The competition will be live-streamed to military installations across the U.S. and around the world.

**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 welcomes the 2021 MBA Finals to the Mile High City and commends the MBA for its efforts to highlight military athletes and support veteran behavioral health and wellness.

**Section 2:** That the Clerk and Recorder attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver and that a copy be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Military Basketball Association, Major Mike Meyers.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 12, 2021

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PRESIDENT