

PROCLAMATION NO. 20-1011 RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF LESLIE GONZALES

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 7 years, Leslie Gonzales helped Denver Parks and Recreation fulfill its mission to provide dynamic, innovative programs and safe beautiful spaces to Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, Leslie provided customer service every day, not only for recreation center patrons, but park visitors as well, including regular and caring interactions with youth experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, as the resident computer "geek" of the Platte Park Recreation Center, Leslie used her tech savviness to help many employees with computer questions. She was also a champion of the ActiveNet point-of-sale system and served on many committees during her service with Denver Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Leslie greeted over 100 members a day at her neighborhood center, coached over 500 girls and touched the lives of countless active older adults, serving as a mentor to all. She was amazing to work with and provided lots of laughs while taking care of business!

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 Leslie Gonzales 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 Leslie Gonzales.

 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 21, 2020