

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation No. 26-0513 Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Prodigy Ventures

**WHEREAS**, 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of Prodigy Ventures, which has supported young adults, primarily from Northeast Denver, through workforce readiness programming that prepares them for success in the 21st-century economy; and over the past decade, nearly 300 young adults, ages 18–24, have participated in its apprenticeship programs within craft coffeehouses; and

**WHEREAS**, Prodigy Ventures has reinvested more than \$2.5 million in wages into the local community through its apprenticeship model, generating an estimated \$2.10 in local economic impact for every \$1 invested; and

**WHEREAS**, Prodigy's three craft coffeehouses serve as vital community hubs, providing hundreds of community groups with free meeting space each year and fostering a culture that honors diverse lived experiences through intentional relationship-building and shared responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Prodigy Ventures offers a comprehensive 12–18-month apprenticeship program in which young adults develop both technical craft and professional skills, while also receiving holistic support services, including access to mental health counseling, one-on-one coaching and mentoring, and job placement assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Prodigy's programs and spaces are rooted in the concept of spiritual hospitality, creating environments where individuals feel safe, valued, and empowered to be their full and authentic selves; and

**WHEREAS**, Prodigy Ventures is committed to investing in the potential of young people, cultivating an environment where individuals can realize their inherent greatness while upholding a shared standard of excellence in both customer experience and craft coffee; and

**WHEREAS**, Prodigy Ventures continues to be recognized as a high-quality craft coffeehouse in Denver and values its longstanding partnership with the City and County of Denver.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council recognizes April 2026 as Prodigy Coffee Month in celebration of its 10 years of impact and continued contributions to the 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 a copy be transmitted to Jeslin Shahrezaei, Executive Director of Prodigy Ventures.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 13, 2026

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Amanda P. Sanderval'. The signature is written over a blue bracket-shaped line.

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PRESIDENT

