



Proclamation No. 22-0815

**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, The 2022 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 2022 includes 15 teams and MBA Hall of Fame induction ceremony; 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 2022 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 11, 2022

PRESIDENT