

DENVER CITY COUNCIL LABOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that our country's economy, infrastructure, and resulting generational wealth would not exist as they do today without the stolen and forced labor of enslaved Africans and their descendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking, chattel slavery, and, later, dehumanization through segregation and Jim Crow laws.

We acknowledge and remember those who did not survive the Middle Passage, as well as those who were beaten and lynched at the hands of White Americans. We recognize the terror inflicted by the Ku Klux Klan, who historically counted among their members numerous government officials in Denver and others in positions of power. We stand with those who are still suffering while fighting for their freedom.

We acknowledge how these dehumanizing practices have social, legal, and economic legacies that continue to reverberate through the generations, and in so acknowledging, commit to truth, accountability, and repair.