



**Proclamation No. 21-0368  
Honoring the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Peace Corps**

**WHEREAS**, 60 years ago, due to the vision of President John F. Kennedy, our Nation launched an effort that would forever change the way Americans see the world and the way the world sees us through the development of the United States Peace Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado played a significant role in that development, with Colorado State University assisting in the survey that helped to design the program; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 240,000 men and women have since served in 142 countries around the world, including nearly 7,400 who came from Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is frequently ranked among the top 10 states for Peace Corps recruitment, ranking 8th for the number of volunteers per capita in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Metro was rated number 8 in metro areas recruiting new volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is home to many Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, including one of the larger members groups for returned volunteers in the United States including hundreds in the Denver Metro Area that provides many social and volunteer opportunities for the local Peace Corps Community including caring for the vegetable garden in Civic Center Park; and

**WHEREAS**, these ties to Peace Corps are not surprising, given the culture of service here in Denver, Colorado.

**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 hereby recognizes and honors the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Peace Corps.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk 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 Charlie Hunt, President of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Colorado organization.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 30, 2021

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PRESIDENT