

## Proclamation No. 25-0861 A Proclamation Honoring Authentic Recovery Homes

WHEREAS, addiction and mental health challenges continue to impact families and communities across Denver, particularly within BIPOC communities, which often face disproportionate barriers to treatment, housing, and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, Authentic Recovery Homes has emerged as a beacon of healing and empowerment, offering culturally responsive, peer-led sober living environments that uplift and affirm the identities of individuals on the path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, the organization not only provides housing, but also a foundation for self-determination, accountability, and dignity—demonstrating that recovery is not only possible, but powerful, especially when rooted in community and equity; and

WHEREAS, Authentic Recovery Homes plays a vital role in the Roads to Recovery program, serving as a partner in bridging the gap between clinical care and sustainable, independent livingempowering participants to thrive beyond treatment and imagine brighter futures; and

WHEREAS, the participants of Authentic Recovery Homes serve as living examples that transformation is possible, that recovery is real, and that with the right support, every individual has the capacity to reclaim their life, contribute to their community, and rewrite their story; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver recognizes and celebrates the profound work of Authentic Recovery Homes and its leadership in advancing inclusive, trauma-informed recovery services for communities that have long been underserved.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council, hereby extends recognition and honor to Authentic Recovery Homes for their continuous efforts in advancing access to mental health and emotional support to empower people working to overcome life challenges.

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 Kelly and Bre Mahana, as a token of our deep appreciation and gratitude.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 9, 2025

Amenda P. Sandaral

**PRESIDENT**