

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1853

A Proclamation Honoring Mile Hi Veterans and Leadership Veteran for Veteran's Day 2025

WHEREAS, Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day, first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, a moment that symbolized hope for peace, unity, and healing; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, following the service of American troops in World War II and the Korean War, Congress designated the day as Veterans Day to honor all United States veterans—past and present—who have served with courage, discipline, and unwavering loyalty to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day stands as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by the men and women of the Armed Forces, and a celebration of the veterans who continue to strengthen our communities through leadership, mentorship, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, our responsibility to veterans does not end when service concludes, but continues in ensuring access to opportunity, community, and belonging; and

WHEREAS, today we honor two veteran-serving organizations—Mile Hi Veterans and Leadership Veteran—for their commitment to supporting veterans and their families in Denver and across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Mile Hi Veterans has long served as a cornerstone of veteran advocacy in the Denver Metropolitan Area, furthering the patriotic, historical, educational, and community interests of veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the organization focuses on education, community empowerment, and civil rights, providing veterans with resources to secure earned benefits and supporting their transition into civilian life with dignity and confidence; and

WHEREAS, Mile Hi Veterans uplifts Hispanic and BIPOC veterans, families, youth, and elders through scholarship programs, outreach, and culturally rooted support systems, working to ensure representation, belonging, and equitable access to services; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Veteran has distinguished itself by uniting veteran-serving organizations to expand their capacity, strengthen organizational sustainability, and increase their impact on veterans and families throughout Colorado; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that many veteran-serving organizations operate with limited resources and in isolation, Leadership Veteran bridges these gaps through an eight-month leadership accelerator that builds organizational resilience, expands professional networks, strengthens board governance and fundraising practices, and prepares nonprofit leaders to better serve veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, together, Mile Hi Veterans and Leadership Veteran exemplify what it means to serve—not only in uniform, but through continued commitment to uplift others, strengthen families, and build community.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council does hereby proclaim November 11, 2025 as Veteran's Day in the City and County of Denver, and encourages all residents to honor our veterans not only in words, but through acts of care, advocacy, and partnership that ensue every veteran is seen, valued, and supported.

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 Michael Mitchel, Commander Kenny Maestas and Deanna Gallegos.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 10, 2025

PRESIDENT

