

Proclamation No. 25-0751 Frontline Worker Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Denver Health employs more than 8,000 employees with 66% of those employees being frontline workers providing care in more than 130 medical specialty areas; primary care, emergency medicine and trauma services, accounting for more than 1.4 million patient visits a year; and

WHEREAS, Denver Health has a 98% major trauma survival rate, the Denver Health Paramedic Division has answered nearly 133,000 911 calls for emergency services, and patients can access primary care in community health clinics, school-based health centers, and mobile health units throughout Denver; and

WHEREAS, Denver Health is committed to ensuring access to high quality care for all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay, while educating future health care professionals and fostering community partnerships using research to advance and meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, frontline workers are the builders of our community, exercising curiosity, compassion, courage, and creativity to provide essential services that ensure the safety, health, and education of our residents; and

WHEREAS, over 9 million health care workers across the United States serve in hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities, often placing themselves at risk to provide lifesaving care; and

WHEREAS, firefighters respond to an estimated 36 million emergency calls each year, over 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers nationwide work tirelessly to uphold the law and ensure public safety, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel respond to more than 240 million calls annually; and

WHEREAS, teachers dedicate their careers to shaping the future of our communities, with over 3.7 million educators in the U.S. providing knowledge and guidance to our youth; and

WHEREAS, frontline workers embody the essence of builders—flexible thinkers and constructive problem solvers who respect the dignity of all people—by dedicating themselves to overcoming challenges and uniting communities.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes and honors Frontline Worker Appreciation Month and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and honoring the heroic contributions of our health care workers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, and teachers.

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 Donna Lynne, Chief Executive Officer, Denver Health and Hospital Authority.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 19, 2025

Smursh P. Sandorn PRESIDENT

