



**Proclamation No. 23-0179**

**A Proclamation Honoring Tim Sandos for more than 50 years of service to the City**

**WHEREAS**, Tim Sandos began his service to the City of Denver at the age of 13 when he was appointed to the Mayor's Commission on Youth by Mayor Bill McNichols in 1972; and,

**WHEREAS**, with four of his brothers, Tim helped establish and operate the Bear Body Products company, which developed, manufactured and sold nylon wallets with Velcro fasteners, achieving millions of dollars in sales; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1985 to 1989, Tim was a special projects coordinator for King Soopers, helping to increase employee participation in the 401(k) to three-fourths of the workforce; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 Tim was appointed by Mayor Federico Peña to co-chair the 92-member Citizens for Denver's Future committee, which identified \$242 million in projects to revitalize Denver and was successful getting a bond package passed to fund the projects, after which the mayor appointed him to executive assistant to the mayor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tim was elected to an at-large seat on Denver City Council in 1991, following in the footsteps of his father Manual "Sam" Sandos, becoming the only father and son team to hold seats on the council; and,

**WHEREAS**, while on council, Tim established and council passed the first Civilian Review Board to oversee Safety Department operations and to address allegations of impropriety in the police, fire and sheriff's departments; and,

**WHEREAS**, after his term on council, Tim ran for Colorado's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District seat, losing to Congresswoman Diana DeGette, and then returned to the private sector as regional director for government affairs at Comcast, then moving on in 1998 to state president – Nebraska for US West Communications; and,

**WHEREAS**, US West Nebraska provided critical support to Offutt Air Force Base when President George W. Bush landed on Sept. 11, 2001, and Offutt was the only location the president could land and communicate with all branches of the military throughout the world, with Tim's team being responsible for ensuring the connectivity of those communications; and,

**WHEREAS**, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld named Tim to the Joint Civilian Oversight Conference, the Department of Defense's oldest and most prestigious public liaison program and the only DOD-sponsored program enabling business and community leaders to have a full immersive experience with every branch of the military; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tim served as Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Emerging Markets for Citibank in St. Louis from 2002 to 2006, as CEO of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals in Washington, D.C. from 2006 to 2009, as Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo in St. Louis, from 2009 to 2012, and was back with Comcast Cable from 2013 to 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim returned to Denver city government in 2017 after being named the executive director of the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative by Mayor Michael Hancock, helping residents and businesses in the area manage growth and build affordable housing; NDCC was later folded into the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure where he served as the Executive Officer for Community and Business Engagement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tim Sandos is now retiring from the City of Denver after more than 50 years of service to the community;

**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 honors Tim Sandos for his service and dedication to the people of Denver.

**Section 2.** That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Tim Sandos.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL [Date]



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PRESIDENT