

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation

**Proclamation No. 26-0482**

**Recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of Wellshire Golf Course**

**WHEREAS** established in 1926, Wellshire Golf Course represents a symbol of community investment, public access, and lasting tradition, as the course has stood as one of Denver’s most treasured public spaces, bringing together golfers, neighbors, and community leaders across generations; and

**WHEREAS**, located on the grounds of the former Skeel family farm with the historic High Line Canal flowing through it, Wellshire reflects Denver’s rich natural and cultural history; and

**WHEREAS** George Olinger developed Wellshire as a private country club, and sold it to the city in 1936, ensuring the course would remain accessible and serve the community for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, designed by renowned golf course architect, Donald Ross, Wellshire is one of the nation’s premier municipal golf courses and the only public Ross-designed course west of the Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS** the clubhouse was designed by Denver architect G. Meredith Musick, and its iconic Tudor-style stands as an enduring architectural landmark; and

**WHEREAS** the Wellshire Four Ball, held annually since 1943, is the longest continuously running golf tournament in Colorado, a testament to Wellshire’s enduring role in competitive golf; and

**WHEREAS** two major golf figures, Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer, played in USGA tournaments at Wellshire, further elevating the course’s reputation on a national stage; and

**WHEREAS** in 1959, 23-year-old Bill Wright broke the golf color barrier by becoming the first Black man to win a major national title at Wellshire, changing the game of golf forever; and

**WHEREAS** Wellshire has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its historical and cultural significance; and

**WHEREAS** on June 5, 2026, we invite the entire community to join us at the Wellshire Golf Course and Event Center for a day of golf, food, activities, and a historical celebration as we honor a century of this remarkable public treasure.

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

**Section 1:** The Denver City Council proudly recognizes and celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wellshire Golf Course and its enduring contributions to southeast Denver.

**Section 2:** The Clerk and Recorder shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and transmit copies to the Wellshire 100 Steering Committee and Denver Golf.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL APRIL 6, 2026

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PRESIDENT

