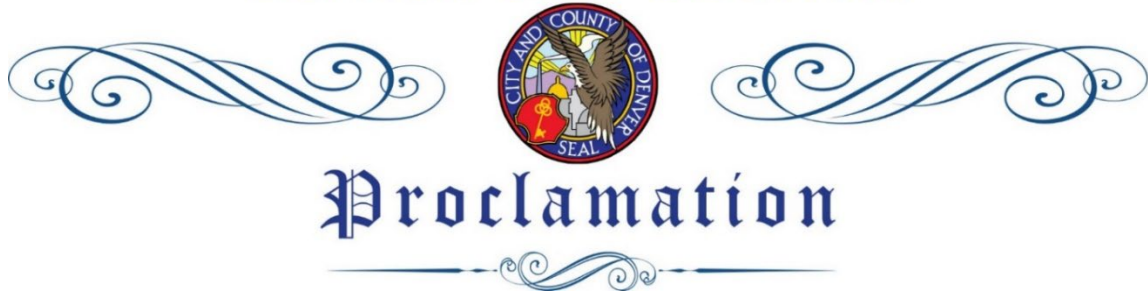


DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-0654 Recognizing National Interpreter Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, National Interpreter Appreciation Day is annually observed on the first Wednesday of May, and in the year 2025, it falls on May 7. This is an occasion to recognize and express gratitude for the invaluable contributions of interpreters and language justice advocates across the nation; and

WHEREAS, National Interpreter Appreciation Day serves as a reminder to honor the linguistic diversity that enriches our society and to appreciate the individuals who facilitate cross-cultural connections through language justice; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of interpreters contribute significantly to building bridges between people of different languages and cultures, promoting mutual understanding, and fostering a world where communication is accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 150 was established in the City and County of Denver, the Language Access Program within the Immigrant and Refugee Affairs division of the Denver Human Rights and Community Partnerships agency, serves as the main resource for the city's effort to provide community members with no-cost, equal access to public programs, services, and activities regardless of English proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the language access team works closely with city agencies to ensure compliance with local and federal regulations by assisting in the development of language access plans outlining language access procedures and protocols for public programs, services, and benefits, including training for all city employees; and

WHEREAS, the Language Access Program manages the "Denver City Guide", a document that outlines resources and services available to the immigrant and refugee Denver community and has coordinated the translation of the guide into Spanish, Vietnamese, French, Lingala, Arabic, Amharic, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Nepali, Dari, and Pashto. Over the last year, this report has been accessed online at least 60% of the time in languages other than English for a total of 796 times.

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 recognizes May 1st 2025 as National Interpreter Appreciation Day and extends our gratitude to all the multi-lingual partners throughout the city who ensure all are informed and feel they also belong to our overall civic community.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Atim Otii and Deena Duwaik, Denver Human Rights and Community Partnerships' Immigrant & Refugee Affairs division Director and Language Access Planner.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 5, 2025

PRESIDENT

