

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## PROCLAMATION NO. 20-1008

### RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH (BETSY) MARTINSON

**WHEREAS**, since 1868, through multiple eras of innovation and intentional planning, design and policy, a rich legacy of parks and open space has been shaped in Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Parks and Recreation supports the physical and mental health of resident by maintaining over 250 parks and providing activities in over 30 recreation centers accessible to people of all ages and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 25 years, Elizabeth (Betsy) Martinson helped Denver Parks and Recreation fulfill its mission to provide dynamic, innovative programs and safe beautiful spaces to Denver residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Betsy managed daily operations at the Buffalo Bill Museum, including visitor services, collection care, historical programming, and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, Betsy's passion for understanding how to best serve museum visitors prompted her to take the initiative to learn and implement survey and evaluation methods, using the resulting data to find out what visitors most wanted out of their experience and working to adapt exhibits and programs to increase visitor satisfaction and engagement with history; and

**WHEREAS**, during her years at the museum, Betsy helped to educate and inspire more than 1.5 million visitors to the Buffalo Bill Museum.

### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council recognizes and honors the dedicated service of Elizabeth (Betsy) Martinson to the residents of the City and County of Denver.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Elizabeth (Betsy) Martinson.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 21, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Gilmore".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT