



**Proclamation No. 19-0437
Recognizing May 2019 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as "CF," is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide, 750 of whom live in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, a defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the median age of survival for a person with CF has increased to their 30's, 40's and beyond; and

WHEREAS, with advances in the treatment of CF, the number of adults with CF has steadily grown, and approximately 900 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity and the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of treating patients with CF includes access to innovative treatments, which can play a crucial role in the lives of patients with CF; and

WHEREAS, there are 3 world-class treatment centers in Colorado which specialize in the diagnosis of CF and the care of persons with CF; and

WHEREAS, improving the length and quality of life for people with CF starts with awareness.

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 recognize the month of May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month and encourages the City and County of Denver residents to affirm their commitment to donating their time and/or funds to appropriate programs and activities to support the cause.

Section 2. That the Clerk 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 Martin Lapel, Ali Larson and Michael Turner & Carson Maczuzak, both with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 6, 2019

PRESIDENT