

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0380 A Proclamation Honoring the *be well* and Wellness Initiative

WHEREAS for 23 years, The *be well* Health and Wellness Initiative, as an initiative of the Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities, (*be well*) has advanced health equity and community wellness across Denver by addressing the root causes of health disparities through policy, systems change, and built environment strategies; and

WHEREAS *be well* has engaged and served more than 50,000 Denver residents through community forums, health and resource share fairs, neighborhood walking audits, policy workgroups, and wellness events designed to increase access to services and amplify resident voice; and

WHEREAS through cross-sector partnerships with schools, small businesses, healthcare providers, local nonprofits, and city agencies, *be well* has coordinated impactful community events, connected families to critical resources including food access, housing supports, and health services, and strengthened collaboration across sectors serving historically under-resourced neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS *be well* has convened policy workgroups and trained community leaders and block captains to identify barriers within the built environment and advocate for equitable solutions that improve safety, access, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS the initiatives' programs, including the *Face the Moment* and community-driven wellness campaigns, have helped mobilize residents, elevate lived experience, and inform policies that promote long-term neighborhood vitality; and

WHEREAS *be well* Centers families — particularly children and historically marginalized communities — recognizing that healthy communities are built not only through programs, but through sustained systems change, accountability, and collective responsibility; and

WHEREAS the leadership and staff of *be well* demonstrate a deep commitment to collaboration, transparency, and measurable impact, ensuring that community voice meaningfully shapes the direction of the work;

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council thereby recognizes and honors The *be well* Health and Wellness Initiative for 23 years of advancing health equity and serving more than 50,000 residents across Denver; and

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Denver City Council celebrates *be well's* ongoing commitment to building a Denver where every resident — regardless of zip code — has the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, and connected community.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 23, 2026

Signed by:

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PRESIDENT

