

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

PROCLAMATION NO. 20-1002

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF LORA (DODY) ERICKSON

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 33 years, Lora (Dody) Erickson helped Denver Parks and Recreation fulfill its mission to provide dynamic, innovative programs and safe beautiful spaces to Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, as unofficial External Relations Officer, one of the most important roles she played at Denver Parks and Recreation was to keep the department connected with many of the major industry leaders at the national and local levels. Her leadership role in the National Recreation and Parks Association provided important access to leading research, trends and funding opportunities. Dody also maintained relationships with Generation Wild NE metro Coalition, Metro State University, Colorado Parks and Recreation Association and many others; and

WHEREAS, among the countless roles that Dody played during her 33 year career in Parks and Recreation, two accomplishments stand out – she was responsible for creating the adaptive recreation program serving people with disabilities that has grown to serve thousands of kids and adults every year; and secondly, her pivotal leadership role in shepherding the adoption of *Game Plan for a Healthy City*, Denver’s 20 year strategic vision for Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, as the department’s representative on the Denver Employees Combined Campaign Steering Committee for 10 years, Dody helped to raise over \$4 million in charitable donations during that time and during the past four years she helped the DPR campaign team double the number of donors and push Denver Parks and Recreation’s contribution levels past the \$10,000 mark.

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 Lora (Dody) Erickson 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 Lora (Dody) Erickson.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 21, 2020

_____ COUNCIL PRESIDENT