

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 23-1564

Recognizing Jim Lochhead for 13 years of service to Denver Water

WHEREAS, Jim Lochhead was an established water rights attorney on Colorado's West Slope when in 1994 Gov. Roy Romer asked him to lead the state's Department of Natural Resources, a role in which he served until 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jim moved on to be a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck from 1998 to 2010, during which time he was named one of the top water rights litigators in the country by Chambers & Partners and as one of the best lawyers in America by the National Post; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Jim was named the Chief Executive Officer of Denver Water, responsible for serving high-quality water to about 1.5 million people in Denver and surrounding cities; and

WHEREAS, during his time at the helm of Denver Water, Jim championed a wide range of initiatives including the expansion of Gross Reservoir, the replacement of tens of thousands of lead service lines, the redevelopment of the utility's Operations Complex southwest of downtown Denver and the construction of the state-of-the-art Northwater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Jim was the driving force behind the Hydro Building at the Colorado State University Spur Campus on the grounds of the National Western Center in north Denver, a facility that is dedicated to water-related research and public education and is home to Denver Water's new water quality laboratory; and

WHEREAS, Jim's leadership and expertise has influences the policies that govern the Colorado River, which provides about half of Denver Water's water supply and is crucial to the lives of 40 million people living across the southwest United States who rely on the river for drinking water and electricity; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been called a thought leader, innovator, visionary, collaborator and statesman by those who have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Jim stepped down from his leadership role at Denver Water after 13 years of service, leaving behind such a legacy that he will be missed by the people with whom he worked in Colorado and across the west,

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 Jim Lochhead for years of leadership in managing Colorado's resources and specifically for his 13 years of service to Denver Water.

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 Jim Lochhead.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OCTOBER 23, 2023

PRESIDENT

