

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 23-1904

A Proclamation Honoring the Memory of Patricia “Patt” Houston

WHEREAS, Patricia “Patt” Houston, Founder and Executive Director of EspeciallyMe, made immeasurable contributions to Denver youth by providing a nurturing environment for black girls and young women to come together and learn to recognize their self-worth, affirm their dignity and strive for excellence from within; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, Patt helped shape and mold the lives of more than 15,000 young women, framed by the philosophy “The Price of Dignity,” and “The Standard of Excellence,” giving each of them the tools to grow into confident, strong, talented, and proud women; and

WHEREAS, Patt’s advocacy efforts passed on a legacy and importance of education and helped many of these girls and women earn scholarships and recognition for academic and community excellence; and

WHEREAS, Patt was not only the matriarch of the Houston Family, she also served as a mentor and motherly figure, and a pillar to the black community; and

WHEREAS, Patt’s untimely passing earlier this year, has been a huge loss to the Denver community and her presence will be missed; though her profound impact on the City and County of Denver will be felt for generations to come.

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 proclaims December 7th, 2023 as Patricia “Patt” Houston Day, honoring a recognizing a lifetime of service to the Denver community, particularly for her dedication to uplift black girls and young women across Denver.

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 the children and grandchildren of Patricia “Patt” Houston.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL DECEMBER 4, 2023

PRESIDENT

