

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 11-0805

In recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eisenhower Chapel at Lowry

**WHEREAS**, nestled in a small grove on the west side of the former Lowry Air Force Base sits a small white clapboard chapel constructed in 1941 and dedicated just two weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor, which took the United States into World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, known in military parlance as Building 27, this was the first of four temporary interdenominational chapels that would serve thousands of airmen and their families between 1941 and Lowry's decommissioning in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the only chapel that survived, preserved because President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife Mamie, a Denver native, attended services here during his presidency when the Lowry Air Force Base served as his "Summer White House"; and

**WHEREAS**, now known as the Eisenhower Chapel, it was designated as an historic landmark by the Denver Landmark Commission in 1981 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, a plaque on the sixth pew on the left side of the Eisenhower Chapel now commemorates the pew most favored by the President and First Lady during their summers in Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lowry community is celebrating the chapel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with several events between November 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, including an historic walking tour of Lowry, a "Support the Troops" collection of holiday gift items for U.S. service personnel, an Eisenhower Chapel Neighborhood Party, and culminating with an evening of cocktails and screening of *The Glenn Miller Story*, portions of which were filmed at Lowry.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That City Council recognizes the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eisenhower Chapel at Lowry and encourages everyone to participate in the celebration, support our troops, and tour the thriving community that has grown up on the former the Lowry Air Force Base.

**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 the Lowry Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 31, 2011

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PRESIDENT