

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 22-1496 Honoring the Tamarac Optimist Club and the Optimists of Monaco South

WHEREAS, Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer organization made up of more than 2,500 local clubs - with many thousands of members - who work each day to make the future brighter by bringing out the best in youth, our communities, and themselves.

WHEREAS, Serving more than 6 million kids, Optimist International Clubs have raised \$78 million, and supported more than 65,000 community projects.

WHEREAS, Since 1919, the Optimists have strived to develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

WHEREAS, Southeast Denver is home to two Optimist Clubs: The Tamarac Optimist Club and the Optimists of Monaco South both of which have worked for many decades to serve youth and communities through service and by investing millions of dollars.

WHEREAS, These Optimist clubs raise money through various fundraisers including the annual Christmas Tree sale which requires the hard work of many dedicated volunteers who provide extra special service to their customers.

WHEREAS, The Optimists of Monaco South and the Tamarac Optimists raise money for academic scholarships, scholarships for Juvenile Diabetes summer camp, college tuition and books; Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and gift baskets; school supplies, childhood cancer campaigns, Clothes to Kids, Denver Park Trust, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and more.

WHEREAS, These Optimist clubs serve communities through these programs: Super Citizen, Brain Bowl, Constitutional Scholar program, Knowbrainer competition, HOBY leadership program, awards honoring peace officers and teachers, oratorical and essay contests, Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments, book drives for first graders, reading programs at Holly Ridge Elementary and Hamilton Middle School, National History Day in Colorado, Clothes to Kids, MS-150 Bike Tour, Alzheimer's Walk, Cub Scouts, South by Southeast Festival, and more.

WHEREAS, The Optimists of Monaco South and the Tamarac Optimists are important community partners having a positive impact on all those they encounter.

WHEREAS, The Denver City Council acknowledges and thanks the Optimists for all of the optimism they spread and their great deeds making our world a better place.

WHEREAS, this proclamation will end on an optimistic note with a reading of the 1922 Optimist Creed that will hopefully provide inspiration to all...

Promise Yourself...

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council honors, recognizes, and thanks the Tamarac Optimist Club and the Optimists of Monaco South for their service and their optimism.

Section 2. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Tamarac Optimist Club and the Optimists of Monaco South.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2022

_____ PRESIDENT