

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 21-0925 Recognition of the 80th 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, the was the first of four temporary interdenominational chapels that would serve thousands of airmen and their families between 1941 and Lowry's decommission 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 Present and First Lady during their summers in Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lowry Foundation is celebrating the chapel's 80th anniversary with the event "Eisenhower Chapel's 80th Extravaganza" on August 21st, 2021. Featuring live music from the 1940s, World War II reenactors, a special exhibit from the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, a dedication ceremony; and other festivities.

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

**Section 1.** That City Council recognizes the 80th Anniversary of the Eisenhower Chapel at Lowry and encourages everyone to participate in the "Eisenhower Chapel's 80th Extravaganza".

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Lowry Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 16, 2021

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PRESIDENT