

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0513 Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Prodigy Ventures

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of Prodigy Ventures, which has supported young adults, primarily from Northeast Denver, through workforce readiness programming that prepares them for success in the 21st-century economy; and over the past decade, nearly 300 young adults, ages 18–24, have participated in its apprenticeship programs within craft coffeehouses; and

WHEREAS, Prodigy Ventures has reinvested more than \$2.5 million in wages into the local community through its apprenticeship model, generating an estimated \$2.10 in local economic impact for every \$1 invested; and

WHEREAS, Prodigy's three craft coffeehouses serve as vital community hubs, providing hundreds of community groups with free meeting space each year and fostering a culture that honors diverse lived experiences through intentional relationship-building and shared responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Prodigy Ventures offers a comprehensive 12–18-month apprenticeship program in which young adults develop both technical craft and professional skills, while also receiving holistic support services, including access to mental health counseling, one-on-one coaching and mentoring, and job placement assistance; and

WHEREAS, Prodigy's programs and spaces are rooted in the concept of spiritual hospitality, creating environments where individuals feel safe, valued, and empowered to be their full and authentic selves; and

WHEREAS, Prodigy Ventures is committed to investing in the potential of young people, cultivating an environment where individuals can realize their inherent greatness while upholding a shared standard of excellence in both customer experience and craft coffee; and

WHEREAS, Prodigy Ventures continues to be recognized as a high-quality craft coffeehouse in Denver and values its longstanding partnership with the City and County of Denver.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes April 2026 as Prodigy Coffee Month in celebration of its 10 years of impact and continued contributions to the community.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder 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 Jeslin Shahrezaei, Executive Director of Prodigy Ventures.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 13, 2026

PRESIDENT

