

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation No. 24-1022

### A Proclamation Honoring the Grand Opening of "The Mothership," a Shelter for Youth Operated by Urban Peak

**WHEREAS**, the children of our city are not only our future but our present and most precious gift; and

**WHEREAS**, none of our children should spend the night on our streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Peak, founded in 1988, has been a steadfast advocate for youth experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, intervening early in a person's journey of experiencing homelessness is pivotal in supporting their health, mental wellbeing, and in preventing chronic homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Peak offers a comprehensive array of services including emergency shelter, housing, education, employment, and supportive services; and

**WHEREAS**, for over three decades, Urban Peak has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to the betterment of our city's youth through its mission to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Peak's innovative programs and services have been instrumental in addressing the complex needs of homeless youth, helping them overcome the barriers they face and empowering them to achieve stability and independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Mothership" facility represents a beacon of hope, offering a safe haven, critical services, and a community-oriented space where young individuals can access housing assistance, educational opportunities, employment resources, and mental health support, all under one roof; and

**WHEREAS**, this new center will play an integral role in fostering resilience and independence among Denver's youth, empowering them to overcome challenges and reach their full potential, thereby contributing to the overall health and well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the collaboration and dedication of Urban Peak's staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters have made the realization of the "Mothership" possible, reflecting the collective spirit and generosity of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver recognizes the profound impact that the "Mothership" will have on the lives of many young people and applauds Urban Peak for its visionary approach and tireless efforts to address youth homelessness.

#### **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 does hereby proclaim our deepest appreciation and recognition of Urban Peak for its unwavering dedication to the wellbeing of the youth in our city. We celebrate the grand opening of the Mothership and eagerly anticipate many more years of invaluable support for youth during critical times in their lives. The Council extends its heartfelt gratitude to Urban Peak, its board of directors, supporters, and volunteers for their steadfast commitment to enriching our community by guiding and supporting youth on their life journeys.

**Section 2.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver does hereby recognize August 5, 2024, as "Mothership Day."

**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 transmit copies to Charles Knight and Christina Carlson, as a token of our deep appreciation and gratitude.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 5, 2024

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PRESIDENT

