

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 23-1381 A Proclamation Honoring My Brother's Keeper Denver.

WHEREAS, historical barriers have prevented young men of color from reaching their full potential, and it will take intentional policies and the removal of barriers to improve their circumstances; and

WHEREAS, President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, My Brother's Keeper Denver is committed to bringing together leaders from various systems, advocates, community partners, youth-serving organizations, and young people to address disparities in health, education, employment, and the justice system for young men of color. By advocating for policy changes, implementing effective programs, promoting systems change, they are working towards a brighter future for these young men; and

WHEREAS, we believe communities are the unit of change to realize improved life outcomes for boys and young men of color; and

WHEREAS, the six key milestones are:

1. **Getting A Healthy Start & Entering School Ready to Learn.**
2. **Reading At Grade Level by Third Grade.**
3. **Graduating From High School Ready for College and Career.**
4. **Completing Postsecondary Education or Training.**
5. **Successfully Entering the Workforce.**
6. **Keeping Kids on Track and Giving Them Second Chances.**

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, acknowledge My Brother's Keeper's contributions and goals to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color in the City of Denver.

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 Dr. Dedrick Sims and My Brother's Keeper Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 2, 2023

PRESIDENT

