

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0767

Honoring Raabe Family Dentistry and the Raabe Family Dentistry Charitable Foundation

WHEREAS Raabe Family Dentistry has been serving patients for 120 years through three generations of dentists, and is Colorado's longest continually operating dental practice; and

WHEREAS Max M. Raabe started his dental practice in Leadville in the early 1900s and moved it to Denver in the early 1920s; and

WHEREAS Max H. Raabe joined his father's Denver practice after serving as a dentist in the 10th Mountain Division in World War II; and

WHEREAS Max H. Raabe shared the practice with his son John Raabe after John graduated from CU Dental School and, recognizing a desire to support CU Dental School and the Denver community, they established Generations! Clinic at CU Dental School, a nonprofit through the University of Colorado Foundation, to serve aging patients unable to afford needed dental care; and

WHEREAS John Raabe became the sole owner of Raabe Family Dentistry in 1999 and continued its philanthropic efforts by supporting Generations! Clinic and by volunteering time to teach at the CU dental school in the areas of community dentistry and population health; and

WHEREAS Raabe Family Dentistry through its third generation of dentists and its dedicated staff has expanded local dental relief efforts to disabled patients, immigrants and refugees, victims of domestic violence, homeless individuals, and other underserved patients unable to afford needed dental work; and

WHEREAS Raabe Family Dentistry has given John Raabe the opportunity to participate in dental relief projects over the years through a Denver Rotary Club program and Global Dental Relief projects in other countries, including Honduras, Kenya, India, Vietnam, Nepal, Guatemala and Mexico; and

WHEREAS Raabe Family Dentistry is raising funds for the Raabe Family Dentistry Charitable Foundation to provide dental care in Roatán, Honduras; which funds will also be used to support a teaching program for CU dental students working at the clinic in Roatán; and

WHEREAS the dentists and staff of Raabe Family Dentistry, recognizing that good dental health leads to better overall health, remain committed to improving dental care in Denver and elsewhere;

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes and honors Raabe Family Dentistry for 120 years of providing dental care to sustain and improve patients' dental health and overall health, with three generations serving both its patients and the local and global community who are in need;

Section 2. That the Denver City Council celebrates the ongoing philanthropy of Raabe Family Dentistry and the Raabe Family Dentistry Charitable Foundation in Denver, and through its mentoring of dental students and its contribution to serving patients in need around the world.

Section 3. 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 Dr. John Raabe.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 1, 2026

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda P. Sandoval".

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PRESIDENT

