

Proclamation No. 23-1890 Celebrating Project Angel Heart's 10 Millionth Meal

WHEREAS, Project Angel Heart was founded in Denver in the fall of 1991 when a group of neighbors, as an act of compassion and love, delivered hot meals to people living with HIV/AIDS in their community; and

WHEREAS, Since that first delivery, Project Angel Heart has grown thanks to the compassion and generosity of Denverites, moving from their first kitchen in the basement of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Capitol Hill to their current home in the Globeville neighborhood of Denver, and recognizing the need and demand for nutritious food across all serious illnesses, has expanded their mission to include people living with diagnoses such as cancer, heart/kidney/lung disease, and dementia; and

WHEREAS, Each week, Project Angel Heart's professional chefs and registered dietitians now prepare thousands of delicious medically tailored meals that are packaged and delivered by thousands of local volunteers to homes across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Nutrition is a key factor in maintaining good health and decreasing the prevalence of chronic disease, and Project Angel Heart addresses the significant challenge that many ill Coloradans face: getting the appropriate nutrition they need to get stronger, heal and remain independent at home; and

WHEREAS, December 1, 2023, marks the 35th annual World AIDS Day, which serves as a reminder of the global struggle to end HIV-related stigma, an opportunity to honor those we have lost, and a rallying cry to commit to working toward a day when HIV is no longer a public health threat; and

WHEREAS, On December 7, 2023, 32 years after serving their first meal to a group of neighbors living with HIV in the City of Denver, Project Angel Heart will prepare and deliver its 10 millionth meal.

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 recognizes and honors the 32-year history and contributions of Project Angel Heart to the City of Denver and Colorado and celebrates the preparation and delivery of their 10 millionth meal.

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 that a copy be transmitted to Project Angel Heart.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL DECEMBER 4, 2023

PRESIDENT

