

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-1050

Recognizing Denver HBCU Legacy Week and the Lasting Contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities

WHEREAS Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have served as pillars of educational excellence, leadership development, and opportunity for more than 180 years, producing generations of educators, entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, scientists, public servants, artists, and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS Denver is home to a vibrant and growing community of HBCU alumni whose leadership, service, mentorship, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement strengthen neighborhoods, schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and public institutions throughout the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS increasing awareness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities expands educational opportunity for Denver students and families by connecting them to institutions where academic achievement, cultural identity, leadership, and lifelong success are cultivated; and

WHEREAS Mile High HBCU Weekend, Inc., a Colorado-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works year-round to increase awareness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, expand college access, provide scholarships, and connect students, families, alumni, educators, and community partners across Colorado; and

WHEREAS the annual Mile High HBCU Weekend brings together students, families, educators, alumni, community organizations, and partners through educational programming, networking, wellness initiatives, and cultural celebrations that honor the enduring legacy and continued impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS the City and County of Denver is strengthened by partnerships among schools, community organizations, higher education institutions, and civic leaders that expand educational opportunity, foster leadership, and prepare young people for future success, and Denver HBCU Legacy Week celebrates these shared commitments.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes **July 23–26, 2026, as Denver HBCU Legacy Week** and encourages all residents to celebrate the enduring legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, recognize the many contributions of HBCU alumni throughout Denver, and support efforts that expand educational opportunity for future generations.

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 **Kristina Lance, Founder and President of Mile High HBCU Weekend, Inc., on behalf of the organization's Board of Directors and Colorado's HBCU alumni, students, families, and supporters.**

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 20, 2026

PRESIDENT

