



Proclamation No. 22-0816
Honoring and Celebrating Elizabeth Folks on her 105th Birthday

WHEREAS, Elizabeth (Liz) Folks was born on July 4th, 1917, in Dallas, Texas, a day after one of the bloodiest race riots in American history that occurred in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Liz grew up in St. Louis with her family, including a brother who worked at the Pacific Railroad Company; and

WHEREAS, Liz enjoyed helping her mom who worked as a cook at Woolworth's, a chain store made famous for desegregation sit-ins at its lunch counters in the south; and

WHEREAS, Liz enjoyed dancing and performed with the Brown Skin Models in New York, a famed theatre troupe exclusively featuring black artists out of Harlem, New York; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Liz moved to Denver and married her husband, who was a railroad patron in Brighton, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Liz has always loved fashion and worked at famed Neusteter's department store in downtown Denver where she enjoyed making hats and selling clothes until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Liz is a loyal and an active member of New Hope Baptist Church, a congregation affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a spiritual organization celebrating the lives of biblical women; and

WHEREAS, at her senior residence, Liz is nicknamed "firecracker" and amazes staff and other residents with her tenacity and positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, Liz enjoys her hats, tapping her feet to her favorite songs, playing bingo, and Popeye's chicken; and

WHEREAS, Liz continues to receive visits from lifelong friends, family and makes new friends easily due to her positive attitude and smile; and

WHEREAS, Liz attributes her longevity to working hard in an industry she loved and to the kindness of others around her.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby honors and celebrate Elizabeth Folks on her 105th birthday!

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 Elizabeth Folks.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 11, 2022

PRESIDENT