

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 21-0718

A Proclamation Honoring Corky Blankenship's Legacy of Pride in Denver

WHEREAS Corky Blankenship was born in Denver in 1944 and grew up on the south side of Denver near Colorado and Iliff Avenue. Corky lived in Fort Collins and San Francisco before returning to Denver. He passed away in 2021 leaving behind a legacy of pride and community activism, a legacy that carries forward into Pride month this year; and

WHEREAS through the course of his life Corky embraced his identity and helped others to do the same, cultivating a spirit of acceptance, kindness, and fun in the Denver LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS Corky was passionate about making Denver a more inclusive city, fighting against the odds during a period of time when Colorado was known as the hate state to advance LGBTQ rights; and

WHEREAS Corky's spirit of altruism is remembered within his community through his lifelong friendships and community involvement, including volunteering and serving as a board member of Feeding Denver's Hungry as well as through his work with the Denver Dumb Friends League and Rainbow Alley; and

WHEREAS Corky is remembered for his enthusiastic and joyful spirit both on the dancefloor and within a beloved community that feels his absence profoundly and carries his memory forward with love and pride.

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 honors the memory of Corky Blankenship and his influential legacy advancing LGTBQ rights and building a joyful, welcoming LGBTQ community in Denver.

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 copies be transmitted to Simon Paul and Jim Scharper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 21, 2021

PRESIDENT