

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0855 Recognizing Sydney Price and the Importance of Mentoring in Youth Sports

WHEREAS, Federal Department of Education studies show that mentorship helps student-athletes better manage their time, handle stress, and build collaborative skills; and

WHEREAS, Participation in youth sports is shown to promote physical and mental health, improve academic performance and graduation rates and reduce unsafe behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Children from low-income families find their access to organized youth sports programs limited by high and ever-escalating costs; and

WHEREAS, Denver County paid a total of \$18,037,680 in athletically-related financial aid during 2022, investing in the importance of access to youth sports; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring through sports can help young people develop a strong character through experiencing rapid ups and downs in the controlled, safe, environment of their playing field; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sydney Price has been mentoring youth and student athletes in Denver for a decade in programs like the Lady Blackhawks and Manual, George Washington, and Northfield; and

WHEREAS, Coach Price assigns her ability to have access to all the resources she needed to be successful to her own youth and collegiate basketball coaches; and

WHEREAS, Coach Price is proud to have been born in Denver, is a DPS alumni, Colorado State University Ram's women's basketball team member, and previous semi-pro basketball player for the St. Louis Surge; and

WHEREAS, Coach Price became Northfield's head women's coaching position, to influence, mentor, and inspire youth through basketball, believing her position to be about so much more than basketball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Price made history bringing the girls' basketball program to a historic first berth in the 5A state championship in her first season, the first DPS girls program in 14 years to advance to the title game.

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

Section 1. The City Council of Denver celebrates today, June 24, 2024, as Coach Sydney Price Day in recognition of her role in mentoring Denver's young women athletes in the community and their schools.

Section 2. The City Council of Denver recognizes the importance of youth sports coaches in mentoring and influencing the trajectory of our city's future generations.

Section 3. 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 Northfield High School and Coach Sydney Price.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 24, 2024

PRESIDENT

