

## PROCLAMATION NO. 20-1020 RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF CURTIS (CURT) GARRET

**WHEREAS**, since 1868, through multiple eras of innovation and intentional planning, design and policy, a rich legacy of parks and open space has been shaped in Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Parks and Recreation supports the physical and mental health of resident by maintaining over 250 parks and providing activities in over 30 recreation centers accessible to people of all ages and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 20 years, Curtis (Curt) Garret helped Denver Parks and Recreation fulfill its mission to provide dynamic, innovative programs and safe beautiful spaces to Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, Curt coordinated youth after-school programs and summer day camps for years. With a passion for emergency management, he took the lead in making sure programs followed all licensing guidelines and facilitated annual staff training. He also worked with the City's Office of Emergency Management to run Teen CERT programs and participated in the department's safety committee. Additionally, he sat on the transportation committee where he managed the scheduling of three minibuses throughout the year, along with the transportation for all summer camps provided by Community Recreation and other program areas offering a crucial connection to recreation services; and

**WHEREAS,** in more recent years, Curt coordinated six after school programs and six summer camps which provided much needed programming for 600 elementary-age youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Curt's positivity and genuineness fueled a love for building relationships with others, including colleagues, partners, committee members and outside groups. Curt always saw the good in people and tried to make sure they felt valued, making him an excellent teammate and representative of Denver Parks and Recreation.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council recognizes and honors the dedicated service of Curtis (Curt) Garret to the residents of the City and County of Denver.

**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 Curtis (Curt) Garret.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 21, 2020

COUNCIL PRESIDENT