



**Proclamation No. 22-0457**

**Recognizing the contributions of employees of the Department of Public Health and Environment and other city agencies to the Covid response**

**WHEREAS**, Denver's public health employees have been on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic for more than two years, and

**WHEREAS**, many public health employees have been pulled from their regular jobs and thrust into work associated with the detection, prevention, mitigation, and alleviation of COVID-19, all the while keeping their other work critical to the public good on track, and

**WHEREAS**, our public health employees and other city workers were called on to work many long hours in conducting this work, which has disrupted their personal as well as professional lives, and

**WHEREAS**, this work has frequently put them in positions that have exposed them and other front-line workers to COVID-19 and its associated symptoms, and

**WHEREAS**, public health employees frequently have had to endure abuse by some members of our community while conducting their work with exemplary professionalism, and

**WHEREAS**, most public health workers and other civil servants entered their fields because of a passion for helping people and therefore have experienced great mental stress because of this pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, city workers from other departments, agencies and offices have joined their public health colleagues in providing services to the people of Denver in response to COVID-19.

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

**Section 1.** The Denver City Council officially recognizes and praises the work of our public health workers and employees from other agencies that assisted them for their dedication and efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 Bob McDonald, Executive Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 25, 2022

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PRESIDENT