

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23-0093 Recognizing the service of Deputy Sheriff Sheldon Marr

WHEREAS, Sheldon Marr graduated from Bella Vista High School in 1977, he went on to graduate with his bachelor's degree in physical education from California State University in 1982. Sheldon was the varsity wrestling coach at Cherry Creek High School from 1985 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon started with the Denver Sherriff's Department in 1992 and served as the chief defensive tactics instructor from 1994 until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon's defensive training tactics and classes have had a lasting effect on the Denver Sherriff Department and have been integral to the training and safety of staff. He has taught 75 recruit academies in 24 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Sheldon founded his training gym named Edge MMA and Fitness, formally known as Grapplers Edge. Notably, he trained Denver's first MMA fighter, Larry Parker, in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon holds numerous martial arts titles, including 7th Degree Black Belt in Pancrase MMA, 7th Degree Black Belt in Pankration, 6th Degree Black Belt in Judo, to name a few. He was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1998, and the Black Belt Hall of Fame in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon served as the U.S World Grappling Team coach from 2007 to 2016, he led his team to become World Team Champions 5 times within this timespan. Sheldon was previously the U.S World Pankration Team coach. He coached in both the United World Wrestling (UWW) World Grappling Championships and the Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA) World Grappling Championships; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon has won multiple awards, including the Martial Arts Legend Award, the Living Legend Award, Legendary Martial Artist Award, Coach of the Year Award, and Master of the Year Award. Most recently he won the Esteemed Elite Warrior Award in 2023.

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 recognizes the service of Deputy Sherriff Sheldon Marr for the citizens of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Sheldon Marr.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 30, 2023



PRESIDENT