

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 19-1217 Honoring the Daddy Bruce Randolph Legacy

WHEREAS, Elder King Harris and Reverend Ronald Wooding D.Min. formerly Pastors of the Epworth United Methodist Church, are determined to continue the 52-year holiday tradition initiated by Daddy Bruce Randolph in 1964 of providing Thanksgiving baskets to Denver's less fortunate residents; and

WHEREAS, the Epworth Foundation and the Epworth United Methodist Church help-to continue the Denver Feed a Family Day event in honor of Daddy Bruce Randolph's food distribution; helping to strengthen and develop relationships with individuals as well as religious, business and civic organizations to heighten awareness of the plight of many in our community; and

WHEREAS, each of the baskets distributed includes a turkey and all the trimmings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for a family of eight, and this year, they were distributed on November 19th, at the Epworth United Methodist Church on Bruce Randolph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ronald Wooding, Executive Producer, along with Elgin Cahill, Film Director and Jeremy Thompson, Music Composer, have used their combined skills and talents to create the official documentary, "Keep a Light in Your Window", on the life of Daddy Bruce Randolph; and

WHEREAS the film, "Keep a Light in Your Window", features many politicians, religious leaders, corporate sponsors, civic organizations, volunteers and food recipients, taking their time to share their memories of Daddy Bruce Randolph and their desire to support and continue his legacy of giving, will reach thousands of individuals now and in the future, through theatres, television, DVDs and various other mediums; and

WHEREAS The Denver Public School District and Bruce Randolph Middle School made the commitment to rename the school's cafetorium to the Daddy Bruce Barbeque Cafetorium in his honor and will be redecorating each wall to have a historical picture of Daddy Bruce sharing his love for the community by giving back to those in need; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Daddy Bruce, hundreds of volunteers and donors give unselfishly of their time, energy and money to carry on this Denver humanitarian tradition, of providing assistance to 5,000 families at this annual Thanksgiving event; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Hancock proclaimed November 19, 2016 as Denver Feed a Family Day in Honor of Daddy Bruce Randolph.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby honors and thanks Elder Harris and Reverend Wooding along with all those involved in their commitment to ensuring that the Denver tradition of caring for and assisting our community's less fortunate through direct food distribution, other means of support and aid, and encourages donations by the community to help continue this worthwhile effort.

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 a copy be transmitted to the Epworth Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 4, 2019

_____ PRESIDENT