

## Proclamation No. 20-0243

## Recognizing Women's Bean Project for its Invaluable Service to our Community for 30 years

**WHEREAS,** employment and workforce development are key factors to strengthening communities and to helping individuals break the cycle of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's Bean Project is a nonprofit social enterprise providing employment and job readiness training to women who are chronically unemployed within the Denver Metro community; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's Bean Project was founded in 1989 with the mission to provide stepping stones to self-sufficiency through social enterprise, offering employment to women in its food manufacturing business; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last thirty years, Women's Bean Project has served over one thousand women with 95% of its graduates maintaining fulltime employment one year after exiting the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's Bean Project is committed to providing its services to women in our community as long as there is a need by expanding its business and program offerings; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's Bean Project believes all women have the power to transform their lives through employment, allowing them to strengthen their families and build new futures for themselves within the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Women's Bean Project has worked for thirty years to provide jobs, build a workforce and increase the skills and abilities of our community members, providing a national example of operating business within a mission.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council extends a sincere thank you to the Women's Bean Project for its dedication and perseverance to provide services to women in need and develop the workforce of the Denver Metro Area.

**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 Tamra Ryan, CEO of the Women's Bean Project.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 9, 2020

PRESIDENT