



Proclamation No. 20-0477
In Honor of Ismael Guerrero for his dedication to the Housing Authority
of the City and County of Denver

WHEREAS, Ismael Guerrero has been a proven leader with 25 years of success in the areas of affordable housing and community development, including leadership roles at Mercy Housing and U.S. Bank; and

WHEREAS, Ismael has been a community and civic leader during his 20 year residency in the City and County of Denver, including being a board member of the Downtown Denver Partnership, Neighborhood Development Collaborative, and Youth on Record, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Ismael continued his public service at the Denver Housing Authority beginning with his appointment as Executive Director in 2007, providing visionary leadership to the largest housing authority in the Rocky Mountain Region; and

WHEREAS, Ismael lead DHA to successfully compete for and be awarded a \$22 million dollar HOPE VI grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, leading to the transformation of the former South Lincoln homes into the award-winning, mixed-income Mariposa District, preserving 250 units of public housing and adding over 300 workforce and market rate units; and

WHEREAS, Ismael lead DHA to successfully compete for and be awarded a \$34 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to catalyze the transformation of the Sun Valley neighborhood, preserving 330 units of public housing and creating over 500 units of workforce and market rate units; and

WHEREAS, Ismael was recognized by the White House as a Champion of Change on April 17th, 2014 for leading DHA to be recognized as a leader in sustainability, renewable energy, and energy efficiency, including investing over \$20 million in Energy Conservation Measures leading to annual utility cost savings of over \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, Ismael has led DHA to partner with over 35 affordable housing developers, leading to the creation or preservation of over 1,000 project-based voucher units across the city, serving Denver's lowest income and most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, through Ismael's leadership and effective team building, the Denver Housing Authority has continued to be recognized as a "High Performing Authority" managing and maintaining over 5,500 public and affordable housing units, administering over 7,000 Housing Choice Vouchers, and serving over 25,000 residents in the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, in October 2019, DHA issued the DHA Delivers for Denver (D3) affordable housing bonds, raising over \$130 million for affordable housing production, providing financing for over 2,400 units, and being DHA's largest single financing in its 80 year history; and

WHEREAS, Ismael has been a City leader, being appointed by Mayor Michael B. Hancock to serve on the Board of the Denver Department of Human Services, where he has been Chairman for over eight years, the Board of the Denver Urban Renewal Authority, a member of the Housing Advisory Committee, and most recently to the 2020 Denver Economic Recovery Committee, among others; and

WHEREAS, Ismael continues to demonstrate his sincere and deep appreciation of Denver's diverse communities, its residents and neighborhoods through his commitment to resident-led planning and development, healthy living initiatives, and neighborhood stabilization initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Ismael's staff, residents, Board of Commissioners, City friends and associates will miss his dedication, hard work and leadership on behalf of the Denver Housing Authority.

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 hereby recognizes the years of service to Denver's citizens and thanks Ismael Guerrero for his professional and personal dedication to the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver on the occasion of his transition on June 11, 2020.

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 Ismael Guerrero.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 18, 2020

PRESIDENT