

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 20-0847 Honoring the Life of Isabella Thallas

**WHEREAS**, Isabella Joy Thallas was born on June 8, 1999, and had a very exciting and promising future. She was 21 years plus one day when, on June 10 at 11:05 AM, without warning or reason, she was gunned down in broad daylight by a complete stranger. Isabella was the victim of a senseless act of gun violence, and hers was beautiful life taken too soon—one more life and one more reason that AR-15s and their ammunition should not be readily available to civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella is survived by her mother, Ana Hernandez-Thallas, Lucia Thallas and Jacob Hernandez, and by her father, Joshua Thallas.; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella was a founding-family student at Highline Academy Charter School, where she excelled academically and was a member of Brownie Troop 1207. Her handprint is a permanent part of the Highline Academy REACH Up Wall where she was honored by the Denver Optimists Club with the Booker T. Washington Award of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Achievement.; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella continued from Highline Academy to Cherry Creek High School where, as a freshman, she excelled on the varsity gymnastics team and continued as a varsity cheerleader. She was also an active member of Cherry Creek High School's DECA team; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella continued her education at Metro State University where she was majoring in finance. She was recognized by Metropolitan State University for her outstanding academic performance and for her deep commitment to service, integrity, and scholarship, an honor bestowed on less than 10 percent of all eligible students nationwide. Isabella was recognized for positively influencing her campus and the local community every day; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella was selected to model for Denver Fashion Week for three consecutive years and was an integral part of the urban fashion community in Denver. She was employed by Mexico City Restaurant in the heart of Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella was a life-long member of Church in the City Beth Abraham where she was baptized by Pastor Michael Walker. Isabella loved the underdog. She was compassionate, funny and always had a kind word for those who were hurting; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella was developing her love for gardening. Some her favorite plants were jasmine, gardenia, stargazer lilies, sweet potato vines and too many others to list. She was cultivating her interest in flower beds and raised gardens where she planned to grow her favorite plants; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2020, a bench and plaque will be dedicated in Isabella's memory at the park located at 17<sup>th</sup> and Park Avenues. Isabella's family would like this to become a space of healing for all families grieving the loss of loved ones to gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabella Joy Thallas has left her heart print on the lives of so many. Her family, loved ones, and friends will miss her every moment of every day. They long for the day when they will see her again. Until then, they will move forward, one step at a time, one day at a time.

**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 honors the life and memory of Isabella Joy Thallas.

**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 Isabella's mother Ana Hernandez-Thallas and her grandmother Lisa Hernandez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 17, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Gilmore".

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PRESIDENT