

## Proclamation No. 20-0901 Recognizing the Service of Reza Kazemian and Wastewater Management Division Retirees to the City of Denver

**WHEREAS**, Reza Kazemian graduated from the University of Colorado in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and began his career at the City of Denver in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Reza's career at the city spans 34 years beginning under Mayor Pena's administration and spanning the terms of five successive mayors; and

**WHEREAS,** Reza became director of the Wastewater Management Division in 1995 and led the department to international acclaim through pioneering new technologies, scrupulous and efficient operational practices with cost impact to Denver tax payers always in mind; always a sincere ethical advocate of protecting this Enterprise Fund, and fostering a growth-environment for talented personnel to build institutional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Reza was involved in acquiring the land and helping design the Wastewater Building in 1991 and moving the division to the current location in 1993; and

**WHEREAS,** during his time at the city, Reza and his wife Clara raised their two children, Elycia and Camran in Denver; and

**WHEREAS,** Reza's team provides an essential and often unsung yet vital service to the people of Denver and we recognize the careers of his team members who are joining him in retiring this year, including William Berg - Quality Control Manager, Damian Sokolowski - Wastewater Quality Technician, Louis Chavez - Operations Supervisor, Wilbert Henderson - Operations Supervisor, Danny Lopez - Wastewater Video Inspector, and Renee Martinez - Wastewater Video Inspector.

## 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 and extends a heartfelt **Thank You** to Reza Kazemian and his team at Wastewater Management Division for their vital service to the people of Denver and their dedication and years of work towards keeping our city safe, sanitary, and a global leader in wastewater management.

**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 Reza Kazemian, William Berg, Damian Sokolowski, Louis Chavez, Wilbert Henderson, Danny Lopez, and Renee Martinez.

 PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 31, 2020