

Proclamation No. 20-1262 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 56-year holiday tradition initiated in 1964 by Daddy Bruce Randolph of providing Thanksgiving baskets to Denver's less fortunate residents; and

WHEREAS, the Daddy Bruce Legacy Foundation, the Epworth Foundation, the Epworth United Methodist Church, and Walmart's sponsorship 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 with religious, business, and civic organizations to heighten awareness of the plight of many in our community; and

WHEREAS, in this year, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an even greater need in our city, with more individuals out of work and seeking support to feed their families; 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 will be distributed on November 24 at the Epworth United Methodist Church on Bruce Randolph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the film *Keep a Light in Your Window*, which features many elected officials, religious leaders, corporate sponsors, civic organizations, volunteers and food recipients, sharing 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, and Rocky Mountain PBS channel 6 will air the documentary on November 19, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Daddy Bruce, hundreds of volunteers and donors give selflessly of their time, energy, and money to carry on this Denver humanitarian tradition of providing assistance to 10,000 families at this annual Thanksgiving event; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Hancock proclaimed November 21, 2020 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 of the City and County of Denver hereby honors and thanks 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 Epworth Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 2, 2020

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