



Proclamation No. 21-0116
Recognizing the Service of Jeff Dorschner to the people of the City of Denver

WHEREAS, Jeff Dorschner was the Spokesman and Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado, serving for over 20-years with distinction where he handled matters involving the news media no matter how large or small, and no matter what time or day of the week; and

WHEREAS, As part of his duties, Jeff proactively wrote and distributed press releases about significant cases to obtain positive media coverage for the U.S. Attorney and the office, developing long-standing close relationships with members of the news media, being called by many reporters upon his retirement as one of the state's "top-tier" PIOs, always helpful, trustworthy and responsive; and

WHEREAS, Jeff; provided effective advice and counsel to the U.S. Attorney, responded to citizen inquiries – mainly people struggling to interact with federal law enforcement, and was also assigned as the Chief Information Officer for the U.S. Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee (ATAC); and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Jeff coordinated at least more than 10 different visits by Attorney Generals of the United States as well as visits by the Deputy Attorneys General of the United States. He loyally served 4 Presidents (Clinton, Bush, Obama and Trump), as well as many Presidentially appointed and acting U.S. Attorneys (Tom Strickland, Richard "Dick" Spriggs, John Suthers, William "Bill" Leone, Troy Eid, David Gaouette, John Walsh, Bob Troyer and Jason Dunn). Jeff also worked closely with the Office of Public Affairs with the Department of Justice in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Jeff handled many high-profile cases, including all media inquiries regarding the investigation and prosecution into Qwest Communications former CEO, Joseph Nacchio, media inquiries surrounding the criminal investigation and the prosecution of Terry Barton, a Forest Service employee who started one of the largest wildfires in Colorado history, also known as the Hayman Fire, responding to and assisting in handling media involving the Aurora Theater Shooting, to include disarming the shooter's apartment, publicizing of many large multi-defendant drug announcements, helping in Colorado federal law enforcement's response to medical marijuana, including selling it near schools, marijuana legalization, and black market marijuana, the aftermath of Columbine including handling inquiries related to copycat threats, assisting on the original Planned Parenthood shooting and handling the announcement when the case was transferred to federal prosecutors, and many more.

NOW THISEFORE, 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 Jeff Dorschner Peterson and his passionate dedication to work on behalf of the people of the City of Denver and serve his community during his career at the United States Attorneys Office in Colorado. His expertise in communication built trust between the communities he served and law enforcement, helping justice and transparency prevail in countless cases over the course of many years.

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 Jeff Dorschner.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 1, 2021

PRESIDENT