

# Proclamation

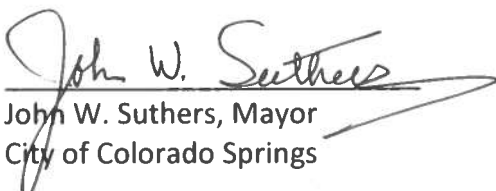


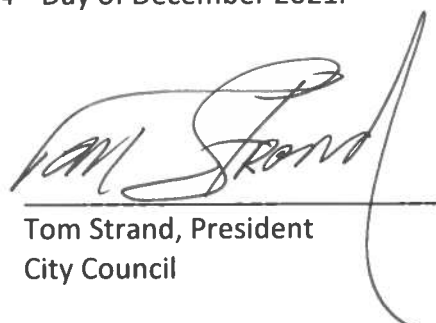
## Joint Proclamation In Honor of Dirk Draper December 14, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Dirk Draper has served as President and CEO of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC, since 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** Under Mr. Draper's leadership, membership of the Chamber & EDC grew from 950 in 2015 to more than 1,400 in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Under Mr. Draper's leadership the Chamber led multiple successful local ballot campaigns to improve the business climate and quality of life for residents of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Draper implemented a national public relations strategy to tell the story of the region's business community, which has resulted in more than 70 articles placed since 2018 in regional and national media; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Draper and the Chamber worked hard to attract new employers to the Pikes Peak region, including Amazon, Formstack, InvestorTools, and Trisco Foods, and successfully assisted local businesses with expansions, including Ent Credit Union, Jaxon Engineering, Swire Coca-Cola, and Titan Robotics, among many others; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Draper and the Chamber helped attract Southwest Airlines to serve Colorado Springs with 13 flights daily to five cities and has led the region's campaign to be the headquarters of US Space Command; and
- WHEREAS,** During Mr. Draper's tenure as CEO of the Chamber and EDC the gross domestic product of the Colorado Springs metropolitan area grew by one third from \$30 billion to \$40 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS,** Dirk Draper is a man of faith, dedicated to his family, loyal to his friends, and a servant of his community,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Mayor and City Council of Colorado Springs, do hereby express our great appreciation to Mr. Draper and his wife Jeanie for their years of exemplary service to the Chamber and EDC, their commitment to the business community and all of Colorado Springs, and do proclaim our best wishes for a wonderful retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2021.

  
John W. Suthers, Mayor  
City of Colorado Springs

  
Tom Strand, President  
City Council