

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

PEARL HARBOR DAY

December 7, 2020

- WHEREAS,** on December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan suddenly and viciously attacked the Pacific Fleet of the United States of America while at Pearl Harbor in the United States' Territory of Hawaii; and
- WHEREAS,** this surprise attack resulted in more than 2,350 deaths, 1,178 wounded and brought devastation to the United States Pacific Fleet and its Air Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** December 7, 1941, a date that forever "lives in infamy," brought the United States out of isolation and into the Second World War to support the Allies, who had been fighting a bitter war in Europe for the two previous years; and
- WHEREAS,** this unprovoked attack kindled the righteous fury of the United States of America thus awakening the sleeping giant to become the Arsenal of Democracy for the cause of freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** through the untold measure paid in precious lives, the United States ultimately won the titanic struggle and achieved the final victory; and
- WHEREAS,** the number of military service personnel who survived the vicious attack on that day is quickly declining as years pass; and
- WHEREAS,** today, a new generation of brave men and women in uniform stand ready to oppose any threat to our Nation and the civilized world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2020 as

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in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and urge all citizens to set aside time today to reflect on the bitter lessons learned, to honor the profound bravery of all those who served and to pay special tribute to those who gave their last full measure of devotion on that fateful day 79 years ago.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this seventh day of December, 2020.



Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council