

Proclamation

Milton O. & Darlene C. (Hansen) Johnson Day August 25, 2020

- WHEREAS,** Milton was born in Polk, NE and Darlene in Gregory, SD – Colorado Springs was their adopted hometown. He attended York College and earned money to pay for tuition by working at the local drugstore. He served as an Army Medical Technician during WWII. On his return he attended the University of Nebraska Pharmacy School on the GI Bill; and
- WHEREAS,** Dar grew up in Gregory, SD. She graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1951 and began teaching before moving to Colorado Springs in the mid-1950s. She then began her 19-year career with District 11, first at Audubon Elementary and then at Ivywilde Elementary; and
- WHEREAS,** Milt moved to Colorado Springs in 1960 and began his 25-year career as a druggist at Broadmoor Drug, inside the Broadmoor Hotel. He developed hundreds of long-standing relationships with customers through the years who knew Milt as the “tall one”; and
- WHEREAS,** Milt retired from the Broadmoor Drug in 1985 and spent the next 21 years dotting on Dar and continuing to develop his great acumen for investments. With this knowledge he often advised others as he promoted the benefits of investing and building up an estate; and
- WHEREAS,** Milt and Dar also enjoyed travelling and spent many hours touring their adopted hometown of Colorado Springs. They loved the parks and green spaces and following Milt’s death in 2006, Dar continued this tradition of touring the city. Dar developed a further love of the downtown area and made a commitment to help take care of and beautify the parks upon her passing. She watched as the initial City for Champions efforts were launched and wanted to help support the effort; and
- WHEREAS,** The Johnsons bequeathed the following gifts to the city of Colorado Springs:
- Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services: \$100,000
 - City of Colorado Springs, for southwest downtown improvements: \$200,000
 - U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, for equipment and supplies at the Olympic Training Center: \$25,000
 - School District 11 for supplies, computers, and scholarships for the high schools \$330,000
 - UCCS General Scholarship Fund: \$50,000
 - Pikes Peak Library District Foundation: \$150,000
 - Sharing in the residual amount estimated at over \$1M are the following City for Champions projects:
 - U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum
 - The William J. Hybl Sports Medicine and Performance Center
 - The Colorado Springs Sports Authority for the Colorado Sports and Events Center. (downtown stadium and Robson Arena)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of August 25, 2020 as

Milton O. & Darlene C. (Hansen) Johnson Day

in Colorado Springs.

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

Richard Skorman, President