

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE AWARENESS DAY JULY 14, 2020

- WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Colorado, the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs have all declared states of emergency as a result of the Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”); and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has been deemed controllable via the implementation of precautionary measures such as stay-at-home orders and requiring “non-essential” businesses to either close or severely curtail contact for the purposes of stopping the spread of the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** the precautionary measure has severely disrupted the economy limiting the productivity of businesses and the income of employees; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of this unprecedented public health crisis, the United States Congress has passed three stimulus bills to mitigate for losses due to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2018 American Community Survey, of the 122 million U.S. households, 44 million were renter households with an annual median income of \$41,000; making the rental population more likely to be financially disrupted by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has the potential to create a crisis-level nonpayment of rent scenario that both negatively impacts the property owner's ability to maintain management and upkeep of the property at a time when many are sheltered in their units, and contribute significant property tax revenue that fund vital community services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim July 14 as

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE AWARENESS 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 fourteenth day of July 2020.

Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council