

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

# Proclamation

## Family Promise Week October 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in November, 1996, Family Promise of Colorado Springs began operations as the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Colorado Springs (IHN) dedicated to helping the most vulnerable among us—children and families who are temporarily homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Promise/ IHN actively models the spirit of collaboration and partnership which makes Colorado Springs a vibrant community by partnering with numerous congregations of our area's faith community, which provides the facilities to house and feed guest families, collaborating with the City of Colorado Springs and Catholic Charities of Central Colorado to open the City's first Family Day Center for homeless families, and actively participating the El Paso County Continuum of Care, thereby making a real difference in the lives of their neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS**, believing that every child deserves a home, Family Promise/ IHN of Colorado Springs and its more than 3,000 volunteers empower families in making their transition from homelessness to sustainable independence; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 19 years Family Promise/ IHN of Colorado Springs has served more than 500 families and helped move them into secure, affordable housing often with a success rate of around 80%.

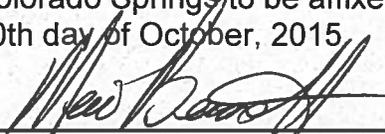
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Merv Bennett, President of the Council of the City of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-31 as:

### FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

in 2015, and in so doing, urge all citizens to recognize and raise awareness of the issue of homeless children and families in our community.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 20th day of October, 2015.

  
Merv Bennett, President  
Colorado Springs City Council