Proclamation

MLK ALL PEOPLE'S BREAKFAST COMMITTEE January 20, 2020

WHEREAS,

the Colorado Springs "MLK All People's Breakfast Committee" was founded by a group of activists from the Pikes Peak Justice & Peace Commission, joined by members of the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, the NAACP Colorado Springs Branch, and staff at The Colorado College who convened on the federal King Holiday January 2010 at Colorado College, around the highest ideals of equality, social justice and peace articulated by the iconic civil rights leader, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS,

the MLK All People's Breakfast Committee, keeping close Dr. King's legacy, built its work on the foundational belief that diversity and dialogue could bring about monumental action and steadfast progress toward the realization of Dr. King's historic dream for civil rights equity and beyond; and

WHEREAS,

those founding and early **MLK All People's Breakfast Committee** servant-leaders -- including founder, Steven Saint-Thomas, Rev. Dr. Ellen Johnson-Fay, Rochelle Mason, Steve Flynn, Shirley Martinez, and Scott Olson -- devoted untold hours to funding, organizing and engaging thousands of volunteers, students, organizational leaders, public officials, special guests and community attendees; and

WHEREAS,

the MLK All People's Breakfast Committee has advanced critical solutions for Dr. King's Beloved Community in racial reconciliation, immigrant rights, ending the death penalty, promoting criminal justice reform and other topics through its choice of Keynote Speakers like Eric Drummond, Polly Baca, Rev. Dr. Benjamin L. Reynolds Sr. and Rev. Dr. Stephany Rose Spaulding, along with other prophetic local, state and national thought-leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of January 20, 2020, as the 10th annual

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a model of Kingian activism and a treasure to the people of Colorado Springs and salute this enduring community event and the tireless MLK All People's Breakfast Committee members who personify Dr. King's words: "Everybody can be great; you only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 14th day of January, 2020.

Richard Skorman, President Colorado Springs City Council