

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER 151 AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

APRIL 2025

- WHEREAS,** the Military Order of the World Wars was first recognized as a Veteran Service Organization by Congress in 1919. The "Great War" was over, and US military officers were returning home. Their Commander-in-Chief, General John J. Pershing, counseled his wartime leaders, "...May I ask that you carry home your high ideals and continue to live as you have served." Many veteran officers sought to fulfill that request, forming their own order to serve their communities and maintain the fraternal bonds forged on the battlefield; and
- WHEREAS,** this veteran organization is unique in service primarily to the community from which they reside; and
- WHEREAS,** their seven pillars include: Support to the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Reserve Officer Training Program and various high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Programs; Recognition of local Scouts and Scouting programs; Support to Public Safety & Law and Order through recognition of the achievement of local responders; Support to Veterans Affairs programs; Support to Homeland Security programs; and Support to National Security programs; and
- WHEREAS,** their 35 years of sponsorship for a Patriotic Education Program through the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation and annual hosting of the nationally recognized Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference whose five-day, in-residence, college-like experience has provided a fully funded education in leadership, patriotism, and the free-enterprise system for rising high school seniors; and
- WHEREAS,** the contributions of the Colorado Springs 90 members, past and present, have enriched our community and helped shape the youth of our city; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize the contributions of the ninety Companions who comprise the local Chapter for living their motto "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and City Council of Colorado Springs, do hereby recognize April 2025, as

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in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this eighth day of April 2025.

Blessing "Yemi" Mobolade, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

Randy Helms, President