

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER NANCY JACKSON FOR HER SERVICE TO ARAPAHOE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 220 It was moved by Commissioner and duly seconded by Commissioner to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Commissioner Nancy Jackson was duly elected by the voters of Arapahoe County in November 2010 and re-elected for two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jackson quickly established herself as an advocate for her District 4 constituents and the county as a whole, improving access to behavioral health services, addressing homelessness, encouraging workforce development and advocating for strategies to reform the criminal justice system while maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jackson has served as the Chair of the Board since 2021, navigating Arapahoe County through the second year of the pandemic as well as facilitating community conversations around economic recovery, diversity, equity and inclusion, and budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, her career in higher education and as an entrepreneur drove her commitment to deepen workforce development pipelines, offer support to small businesses, and provide career pathways as a board member for both the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Development Board and the Colorado Workforce Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jackson's passion and dedication to making behavioral health care more accessible has led to leadership positions within the National Association of Counties, Governor Polis' Safety Net Subcommittee, and Aurora Mental Health Center as well as statewide recognition as the first-ever Local Community Behavioral Health Champion; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jackson's expertise in the areas of public safety and criminal justice reform has been evident as a member of Arapahoe County's Justice Coordinating Committee, the Colorado Commission on Juvenile Criminal Justice, Colorado's Sexual Offender Management Board, and Colorado Counties, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jackson is a well-known convenor, establishing the first countywide homeless committee and the justice coordinating committee's first behavioral health subcommittee, working with interested community leaders to share information and identify collaborative opportunities; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure she was a champion for key county initiatives, such as securing dedicated open space funding in perpetuity, establishing the county's own public health department, obtaining a formal relationship with the Northern Arapaho Tribe, creating employee leadership programs, and supporting data-driven decision-making; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure she served as the commissioner liaison for nearly every county department, supporting the work of staff to meet constituent and business needs with an eye towards fiscal sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jackson's legacy of public service is evident throughout the County and our community is a better place as a result of her leadership

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners officially recognize the contributions of Commissioner Nancy Jackson during her 12 years as an Arapahoe County elected official and hereby declares her future shall prosper as Arapahoe County has prospered under her dedication and service.

The vote was: Commissioner Baker, __; Commissioner Holen, __; Commissioner Jackson, __; Commissioner Sharpe, __; Commissioner Warren-Gully, __. The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.