

Proclamation

“Winter Holidays”

December 5, 2023

Whereas, the United States is composed of many different races and cultural backgrounds that observe and participate in various winter celebrations each year; and,

Whereas, Adams County and A-Proud want to recognize and acknowledge the celebration of all winter holidays and believe the holidays mentioned below represent a large majority of those within our county; and,

Whereas, Mawlid al-Nabi is the Muslim celebration of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Mawlid is celebrated in different ways by Muslims in different places. Some highlight national pride with raising of the flag and ceremonies at national monuments. Others take on a more festive, carnival-like atmosphere or exchange gifts or give to the poor. This year, Mawlid al-Nabi was celebrated September 26th and September 27th ; and,

Whereas, Rohatsu is the anniversary of Buddha’s Enlightenment and traditionally celebrated on December 8 by meditating through the night to the dawn; and,

Whereas, Hanukkah/Chanukah is a Jewish eight-day, wintertime festival of lights celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and fried foods. This year Chanukah is celebrated from December 7th -15th; and,

Whereas, winter solstice happens this year on December 21 and is the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest day of the year. Since prehistory, many cultures mark the winter solstice with festivals and rituals; and,

Whereas, Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world; and,

Whereas, Kwanzaa was founded in 1966 and is an annual celebration of African-American and Pan-African culture from December 26-January 1, bringing a cultural message which speaks to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense; and,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims December 5, 2023 as

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and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of various cultures found within the county.