

Proclamation Recognizing April 19th as Ross Anderson Day

“WHEREAS, Ross Anderson, an enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho who is also Apache, grew up in Durango and made history by being the first Native American and only person of color to ever secure a podium place in The Pro Speed Skiing World Championships; and,

WHEREAS, Anderson’s crowning achievement came in April 2006 in Les Arcs, France, where he established the fastest speed ever recorded from the Western Hemisphere at 154 mph, solidifying his position as the “fastest skier in American history”; and,

WHEREAS, Anderson has been inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletic Hall of Fame, the U.S. Hall of Fame, the Colorado Hall of Fame, the New Mexico Hall of Fame and the National Native American Hall of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, his top honors include 17 years on the United States Speed Ski Team, 84 World Cup finishes, 36 World Professional finishes, 99 Bronze medals, 114 Silver, 435 Gold, 8-time National Champion, 2nd in the 2001 World Professional Championship, 3rd in the 2005 FIS World Cup Championships and has held the speed record for 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, Anderson received the 2025 Snowsports Builder Award from the Far West Ski Association for his dedication to introducing skiing to Native youth, and he continues his youth outreach work through his Star 154 Foundation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim April 19, 2026, as Ross Anderson Day.”

Mayor

Faye Harmer, City Clerk