



**A Proclamation by South Metro Fire Rescue Board of
Directors Honoring the Retirement of Fire Chief Bob Baker**
Proclamation No. 2025-02

WHEREAS, Chief Bob Baker has dedicated 41 years to the fire service, demonstrating unwavering commitment, exemplary leadership, and a steadfast devotion to the safety and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker began his distinguished career in 1984 as a firefighter with Parker Fire Protection District and rose through the ranks with honor, ultimately serving as Fire Chief of South Metro Fire Rescue for 11 years from 2014 to 2025, where his vision and leadership transformed the department into one of the most respected fire and emergency services organizations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Baker championed innovation and excellence in emergency response, ensuring that South Metro Fire Rescue remained at the forefront of public safety while growing and unifying multiple agencies into a single department that today serves one out of every 10 people in the State of Colorado at the highest levels of service; and

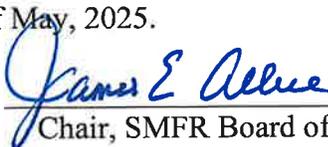
WHEREAS, his commitment to the health and safety of first responders supported the development of wellness programs that have become the model for the fire service both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker's impact extends beyond the firehouse, always leading with integrity and compassion, displaying unwavering professionalism, and emphasizing service before self; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors and the community he so faithfully served officially recognize and honor Fire Chief Bob Baker on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him heartfelt thanks for 41 years of exceptional service, and wish that he may enjoy a retirement filled with health, happiness, and the knowledge of a job well done and knowing he "left it better than he found it".

ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2025.

By:



Chair, SMFR Board of Directors