

NINO GALLO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Nino Gallo served Boulder County for 25 years and began his legacy work supporting immigrant farm workers and families as a housing manager for Casa Vista and Casa de la Esperanza; and

WHEREAS, Nino continued his immigrant work with Community Action Programs in 2000 by creating the Immigrant Advocacy, Latino Parent Leadership and our Know Your Rights Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Nino was inspired to create the Personal Individual Enterprise program after attending a national Individual Development Account conference and partnering with the (then-named) Foothills United Way to support education, small business or home ownership goals with matched savings accounts; and

WHEREAS, Nino's gentle soul, commitment, and generosity contributed to his PIE clients' wellbeing and growth; and

WHEREAS, Nino was a founding partner of the Immigrant Integration Program that began 2002 and provided coordination of immigrant services and advocacy with El Comité de Longmont, Amistad, Intercambio and CAP; and

WHEREAS, Nino was involved in multiple community initiatives, advocacy, business and civic groups including the Latino Task Force and the Latino Chamber and was considered the county's original cultural broker; and

WHEREAS, Nino lead with authenticity, kindness, and love for humanity; modeled that every day to his co-workers and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Nino extended himself to other programs, agencies and local governments serving low-income people, immigrants, and vulnerable, at-risk community members to ensure they knew about his programs and how he could help support their work; and

WHEREAS, Nino always made those that crossed his path feel welcomed, included, and cared for; and

WHEREAS, Nino was known for bringing pisco (a brandy produced in winemaking regions of Peru and Chile) and sharing his infamous pisco sours at social events; and

WHEREAS, Nino's commitment and support of Community Action Programs paved the way for the disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Nino was always known to have a smile on his face, funny come backs, and a cup of coffee in hand; and

WHEREAS, Nino mentored the generations that would proceed him by modeling the importance of good character and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Nino viewed the world with optimism even through moments where many of us couldn't.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Boulder County Commissioners do hereby declare Tuesday, January 5th, 2020 (which is Nino's birthday) as,

Nino Gallo Day

in Boulder County, encouraging employees, friends, and residents to engage in appropriate celebrations and reflections of Nino's life; and

THAT the Commissioners extend our gratitude to Nino's legacy of work in service to Boulder County.

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ATTEST



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