



# Proclamation

## HONORING MATILDA “TILLY” HRUBY, STATE GIRL’S WRESTLING CHAMPION, AND COACHES ERIC HEINZ AND JAMES GARCIA

**WHEREAS**, High school athletics are foundational to success for many students, presenting them opportunities to train, build teams, and compete with peers. Athletic success presents opportunities for post-secondary education, and fosters pride in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Brighton High School has a long and distinguished wrestling tradition, one of 15 Colorado schools to have won more than five state championships. Brighton has seven championships, earned in 1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993, and 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Beginning with Amos Sanchez in 1967, Brighton High School has produced 26 individual state champions, including current coaches Eric Heinz and James Garcia. Winning the state tournament one time is a challenge; since 1956, only 34 competitors have won the state championship four times. Two Brighton wrestlers, Joe Diaz and Kenny Sailas, won state championships three times, and five others held two state championships; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2019, the Colorado High School Activities Association sanctioned Girls Wrestling as a separate division in the sport, one of nine states to divide the unified boys and girls teams; and

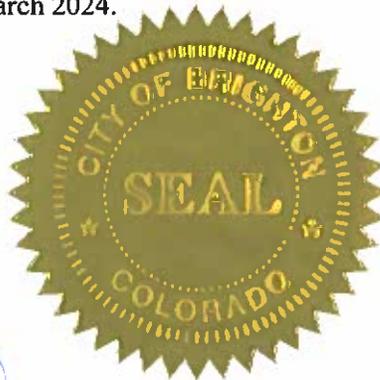
**WHEREAS**, Matilda “Tilly” Hruby is a freshman at Brighton High School, who started wrestling with the Brighton Wrestling Club when she was in elementary school; and

**WHEREAS**, Matilda “Tilly” Hruby won a state championship on February 17, 2024, defeating every wrestler in the 170-pound weight class. She finished her 2023-24 season with a perfect 43-0 record, having pinned every opponent in the first period of the match; and

**WHEREAS**, Matilda “Tilly” Hruby competes in regional and national tournaments, and she is ranked #10 nationally among female wrestlers in her weight class.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brighton City Council honors Tilly Hruby and her coaches, Eric Heinz and James Garcia. We applaud her accomplishment and look forward to her continued success in high school wrestling and wish to proclaim March 20, 2024 Matilda “Tilly” Hruby Day in honor of her status as a State Girl’s Wrestling Champion.

**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



**ATTEST:**

  
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**

  
Gregory Mills, Mayor  
Peter Padilla, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tom Green  
Chris Fiedler  
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Jan Pawlowski  
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