



Proclamation

Honoring Dr. Susan Hamstra

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan Hamstra graduated from medical school in 1982 and moved to Brighton; and

WHEREAS, in August 1983, Dr. Hamstra opened her office in Brighton, located at 1929 Egbert Street, across from the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamstra provided a wide range of services in her early years; she looked after people in the nursing home, came to see patients in the emergency room, made house calls, and delivered babies; and

WHEREAS, the Hamstra family was very involved in community events for many years and Dr. Hamstra provided support to the Chamber of Commerce, the hospital foundation, and other organizations including substantial financial support for the Armory Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 she became the first “First Lady” of Brighton when her husband became the first elected mayor. In this role, Dr. Hamstra put in many hours supporting the vote that resulted in the Brighton Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamstra served on the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners and on the board that formed Centura Health. She was Chief of Staff at Platte Valley Medical Center (PVMC) and was instrumental in pushing for higher medical practice standards in the early years of PVMC and worked hard to recruit new physicians to the community; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dr. Hamstra has delivered over a 1,000 babies and has taken care of three and four generations of families in the Brighton community with a unique blend of medical skill and compassion that cannot be replaced; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 40 years of service to the Brighton community both professionally and personally, Dr. Susan Hamstra retired earlier this year, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brighton, Colorado wishes to extend its deepest gratitude to Dr. Susan Hamstra for her many contributions to the Brighton community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2022 as Dr. Susan Hamstra Day in honor of her service to the residents of Brighton.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2022.

CITY OF BRIGHTON

Gregory Mills, Mayor
Adam Cushing, Mayor Pro Tem
Clint Blackhurst
Matt Johnston
Peter Padilla
Jan Pawlowski
Mary Ellen Pollack
Ann Taddeo

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk