

## **Declaration Honoring Chancellor Phil DiStefano**

### **October 19, 2023**

Phil DiStefano joined the university in 1974 as an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction in the School of Education. He has since seen the university from nearly every perspective, as a parent, donor, professor, dean, provost and - since his appointment in 2009 - chancellor.

As chancellor, Dr. DiStefano has worked closely with students, faculty, staff, alumni and donors as well as industry and community leaders in extending CU Boulder's legacy as a preeminent national comprehensive research university. His strategic imperatives for the campus are to shape tomorrow's leaders, be the top university for innovation and to positively impact humanity.

He also has worked closely with local and regional governments, including the City of Boulder, the home of CU Boulder's flagship campus. During his tenure, strengthening town-gown relationships has been a major priority for the university and one that has resulted in numerous collaborations.

The close partnership between university and city leaders has led to significant progress on the development of CU Boulder South and the Limelight Hotel and Conference Center; the successful launch of the Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Summit; the improvement of safety and community relationships on The Hill; and the continuation and enhancement of numerous local traditions including the Conference on World Affairs and the Pearl Street Stampedes.

His appreciation for shared community values and belief in strong, reciprocal relationships have allowed the university and the city to flourish as we pursue mutually beneficial improvements.

We, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado recognize, honor, and appreciate the service and significant contributions to the city and community made by Chancellor DiStefano.



**Aaron Brockett, Mayor**

