## International Youth Day August 12, 2024

By virtue of our commonality and cherishing our children as invaluable pieces of our lives, we honor, recognize, and celebrate our youth, who are our progeny and hopes for the future.

Our immense youth population, as the generation of the future, will be faced with the task of finding solutions to many of our toughest challenges and issues, both present and impending.

International Youth Day is recognized and endorsed by the United Nations as a day dedicated to raising awareness of the potential of young people as bringers of peace, shapers of our futures, and agents of change.

The intention of this day is to emphasize the need to enable the engagement of youth by making local, state, national, and global processes more inclusive for youth, strengthening the youth's voice, relevance, and capacity.

The 2024 theme for International Youth Day is From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development. Often recognized as "digital natives," today's youth are essential to the digital innovation that will be necessary to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Disparities exist regarding digital inclusion and access to the Internet, and it is imperative that we address these disparities to enable equitable youth leadership in this critical space.

We, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado declare August 12, 2024, as

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And strongly urge the community to observe, honor, and support the importance of this cause.

Aaron Brockett, Mayor