



Chief John Willson Proclamation December 2, 2025

- WHEREAS,** Chief John Willson began his fire service career as a college student in Moscow, Idaho, and went on to serve in the Eagle River Fire Department, the East Grand Fire Protection District, and the West Metro Fire District before bringing his expertise and leadership to the City of Louisville; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Willson began his tenure with the Louisville Fire Protection District on December 5, 2011, as a Battalion Chief, and through his dedication and exemplary service, was promoted to Fire Chief on January 2, 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 30, 2021, Chief Willson led the department's response to the Marshall Fire – the most destructive wildfire in Colorado state history – demonstrating extraordinary leadership, calm under pressure, and a deep commitment to protecting lives and property during a time of unprecedented crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Willson prioritized community engagement and public education, launching proactive initiatives such as personalized “house calls” to residents, during which he provided wildfire safety training, distributed specialized gear, and empowered families with the tools and knowledge to protect their homes and loved ones; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Willson's leadership has left a lasting legacy of community connection, strengthening not only the Louisville Fire Protection District but the entire City of Louisville; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council, City staff, and residents extend their deepest gratitude to Chief John Willson for his years of dedicated service and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Louisville, Colorado, does hereby proclaim our sincere appreciation and recognition of Chief John Willson for his outstanding leadership, service, and contributions to the safety and well-being of our community.

DATED this 2nd day of December 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, City Clerk