



**PROCLAMATION
ANDREW JASON THIEL**

WHEREAS, Andrew Jason Thiel (Andy) was born on October 25, 1977, in Fort Collins, Colorado and was diagnosed shortly thereafter with down syndrome.

WHEREAS, doctors discovered a huge hole in his heart within the first three months of his life and expressed it would shorten his life expectancy to only four years of age if he did not have a relatively new open heart surgery procedure as an infant.

WHEREAS, Thankfully the surgery was completed and was a success.

WHEREAS, Andy fought through his medical challenges and graduated high school in 1996.

WHEREAS, beating all odds he participated in the Special Olympics from age eight until he “retired” in his early twenties winning many gold medals in gymnastics and snow skiing. He was even featured on a local Denver news channel two years in a row during their coverage of the Winter Special Olympics.

WHEREAS, in addition to competing at this high level, he made time to serve as equipment manager for his sister’s fastpitch travel softball team earning the respect and love from the athletes and coaches and has been a dedicated employee at Publix for fifteen years working hard as a courtesy clerk showing his top-notch work ethic and receiving many complementary letters and emails from his customers.

WHEREAS, Andy Thiel is an outstanding citizen. He loves his family, friends and community and is a compassionate caring adult with a heart of gold. Andy brings a positive attitude and a smile to everyone he meets and truly makes the City of Sugar Hill a better place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL that we hereby proclaim November 8, 2021, as Andrew Thiel Day. Accordingly, we would like to commend Andy for his outstanding accomplishments and thank him for his will to positively impact everyone he meets and his determination to make the world a better place.

So, proclaimed this 8th day of November 2021.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Taylor Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

Marc Cohen, Council Member

Nicholas Greene, Council Member

Mason Roszel, Council Member

Jennifer Thatcher, Council Member