

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP14-0939

Honoring Stephanie W. Thomas on the occasion of her retirement from Denver Health

WHEREAS, Stephanie W. Thomas has dedicated her entire 37-year health care management career at Denver Health to serving Denver's poor and advocating for vulnerable patient populations, and

WHEREAS, Stephanie started her career as an Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Manager of Community Health in 1977, and she continued to excel in various management positions as the Director of Regional Cluster Training, Assistant to the Manager of Health and Hospitals, Administrator of the Ambulatory Care Center and Neighborhood Health Program, Associate Hospital Administrator and Coordinator for the new Denver Health Hospital Authority, and finally serving as the Chief Operating Officer from 1997 to November 2014; and

WHEREAS, she was responsible for a total operating budget of over \$250 million, for 1,700 full-time employees and for overseeing the Denver Health Master Plan and the \$430 million in new facility construction and re-modeling, and

WHEREAS, Stephanie was responsible for enterprise-wide health system administration and had the operational responsibility for Denver Health Medical Center, Correctional Care, Denver CARES, Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, and the 911 Emergency Medical Services System; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Stephanie's work, Denver Health became a truly integrated healthcare system which resulted in it becoming a model healthcare organization for the nation; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie has received many awards and recognitions from the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems and the Excellence in Government Awards Program, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, the City will miss her leadership as a problem solver, creative thinker and team builder; and her ability to create the future of healthcare; and importantly her constant dedication to our patients and the true mission of Denver Health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Denver City Council hereby recognizes Stephanie W. Thomas for her contributions to Denver's community in countless ways both personally and professionally helping to keep Denver's citizens healthy and for her professional and personal dedication to the City and County of Denver, the State of Colorado and the nation, and acknowledges that her retirement on November 2014 will leave a void that will be challenging to fill.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and transmit a copy to Stephanie W. Thomas.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 3, 2014

PRESIDENT