

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver  
**Proclamation No. CP15-0405**

In recognition of the second annual Denver Mini Maker Faire, June 13 and 14, 2015

**WHEREAS**, Denver is currently home to a thriving maker movement, including maker spaces (also called creator labs or hackerspaces) that are opening across the city in manufacturing zones, colleges, libraries, and arts organizations which develop workforce and entrepreneurial talents in advanced manufacturing and new product invention and which create economic opportunity, bringing back “Made in Denver” as a phrase that not only celebrates Denver’s rich manufacturing and entrepreneurial history, but beckons a diverse, vibrant economic future that can be made even stronger with a thriving innovation and manufacturing sector creating primary jobs for the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, “Made in Denver” will be celebrated in the upcoming second annual Denver Mini Maker Faire, debuting on June 13 and 14, at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science—a festival to showcase the work of arts and crafters, inventors, builders, recyclers, and other creators in the Denver area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maker Faire will be a multi-generational gathering of 5-10,000 attendees in its second year, providing the opportunity to participate in interactive exhibits from local businesses, crafters, and techies who make, create, engage, learn, invent, craft, hack, recycle, build, think, play, and are generally inspired and inspiring; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maker Faire will be the launch of the Colorado Maker Ed Initiative, celebrating and sharing innovation and design thinking from leading technology and education organizations that empower educators to “hack their classrooms”, creating a maker and innovation approach to Colorado education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maker Faire is described as the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth, a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning in the process of making, building community in the process of building products; and

**WHEREAS**, the original Maker Faire event started nine years ago in San Mateo, California and now attracts some 900 makers and 120,000 attendees; there are now flagship Maker events in New York, Detroit, Kansas City, Newcastle (UK), Rome, Oslo and Tokyo and a host of smaller, community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires now being produced around the United States and the world—including a national Maker Faire taking place at the White House on the same date as our Mini Maker Faire right here in Denver.

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

**Section 1.** The Council hereby celebrates the June 13-14, 2015 Makers Faire at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and urges Denver families and residents to participate in and be amazed by the fun-filled panoply of exhibits being offered.

**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 that a copy be transmitted to Elizabeth VanDyne.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 8, 2015

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PRESIDENT