

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 15-0689**

## **Celebrating October as Spellbinders® Oral Storytelling Month**

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, Spellbinders® was founded in Denver, Colorado by Germaine Dietsch who wanted to build intergenerational communities between children and older adults; and in 1997, Spellbinders® became a Colorado non-profit corporation with the goal of establishing storytelling chapters across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Spellbinders® oral storytellers have shared the art and joy of oral storytelling with 65,000 Colorado students each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Spellbinders® is dedicated to restoring the art of oral storytelling to connect seniors to youth, weaving together the wisdom of diverse cultures throughout time; and

**WHEREAS**, Spellbinders® oral storytellers are volunteers who embrace the power of stories keeping children spellbound with literature; today, there are 18 chapters in six states and in Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Spellbinders® oral storytellers are committed to enhancing literacy, encouraging character development, providing humor, building resources of wisdom, and sharing a love for the written word; and

**WHEREAS**, Spellbinders® gathered at Denver Union Station on October 2, 2015 at 4:25 pm through October 3, 2015 at 5:25 pm, to set the world record of "**25 Hours of Storytelling**".

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council proclaims the month of October 2015 as Spellbinders® Oral Storytelling Month.

**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 copies be transmitted to Catherine Johnson, Executive Director; Spellbinders®, Ray Mohr, and Brenda Vasquez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 5, 2015

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PRESIDENT