

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP11-0243**

In Recognition of the Life and Career of Raul Pierre Jimenez

**WHEREAS**, Pierre Jimenez, one of Denver's finest sons, will forever be remembered by the citizens of Denver for his unparalleled commitment to make Denver a better city for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the leadership and dedication Pierre Jimenez gave to the citizens of Denver will never be forgotten, and his service to this city represents a model example for us all to follow; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierre Jimenez will always be loved as an extraordinary father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and beloved friend to everyone who shared in his courageous life; and

**WHEREAS**, his stewardship of our community exemplified the true definition of citizenship, and he will be memorialized in Denver's history as a true champion of the Chicano and Civil Rights Movement in the City of Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the many accomplishments of Pierre's career include his time as head of the Police Community Partnership, Chairman of Hispanics of Colorado, head of the Young Adult Service Community Project, one of the first recipients of NEWSSED's Civil Rights Awards, and Deputy Director for the Department of Economic Development, and International Trade under former Governor Bill Owens; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierre's commitment to empowering and bettering his community was unwavering, and his tireless dedication to fighting injustices that disenfranchise minorities and other citizens of Denver is a tribute to the moral sincerity and passion that was so deeply engrained into Pierre's love for our city; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierre's spirit and soul is embodied in the followings words of a Native American prayer by Shawnee Chief Tecumseh: "When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home"; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Denver lost a true hero with the passing of Pierre Jimenez on March 28, 2011. His memory will live on forever in the hearts and minds of so many future advocates and devoted citizens who will always remember the sacrifice and commitment Pierre Jimenez gave to the City of Denver.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council hereby recognized March 30, 2011 as the Tribute to the Life and Career of Raul Pierre Jimenez Day in the City and County of Denver.

**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 to the family and friends of Pierre Jimenez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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PRESIDENT