

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP15-0383
Honoring the 2015 University of Denver Men's Lacrosse Team in Winning the
National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Lacrosse Championship**

WHEREAS, University of Denver lacrosse started as a club sport in 1966, was adopted as a Division I varsity sport in 1999, and currently competes in the Big East as an associate member - winning the 2015 Big East regular season; and

WHEREAS, The Denver Pioneers were the fourth seed overall in the 2015 Lacrosse Championship and beat storied opponents on their way to the championship game such as Brown, Ohio State and Notre Dame; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Bill Tierney came to the University of Denver in 2009 after success coaching at Princeton and is now the first Division I lacrosse coach to win national titles at two different universities for a record seventh title; and

WHEREAS, The Denver Pioneer Lacrosse team is one of the most geographically diverse in the nation fielding players from 17 states and nations, including Ryan LaPlante, Zach Miller, Trevor Baptiste, Mike Riis, and Wesley Berg who all made the 2015 NCAA All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, On May 25th, 2015, the Denver Pioneers beat the Maryland Terrapins 10-5 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to win the first their Division I Lacrosse Championship and the first championship away from the east coast with Wesley Berg being named the tournament's most outstanding player; and

WHEREAS, the Council specifically recognizes and congratulates the 2015 University of Denver Pioneer Lacrosse team in their momentous victory in the National Championship:

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council congratulates the Pioneer Lacrosse team, the coaches, and the entire University of Denver on their incredible 2015 lacrosse season and claiming the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Lacrosse Championship.

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 forwarded to Coach Bill Tierney at the University of Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 1, 2015

PRESIDENT