

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 15-0080 Celebrating Denver International Airport's (DEN) 20th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Mayor Federico Peña's vision to "imagine a great city" included a grand vision for an expanded airport that would support Denver's economic growth for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wellington E. Webb continued that vision and oversaw the opening of Denver International Airport on February 28, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport instantly became an iconic American airport for its rooftop tents, state-of-the-art technology and critical link within the nation's airspace system; and

WHEREAS, with the support and guidance of Mayor John Hickenlooper, Mayor Guillermo "Bill" Vidal and Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Denver International Airport has grown over two decades to become the primary economic engine of the City of Denver, the State of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region, generating more than \$26.3 billion in annual economic benefit; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport supports the equivalent of nearly 190,000 full-time jobs with a payroll totaling \$8.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport has the 3rd largest domestic network with nonstop service to more than 170 destinations around the world; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport's international destinations have increased by 30% since 2011, including service that has opened new gateways and economic connections to Europe, Asia and Central America; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport is today the fifth busiest airport in the United States and the 15th busiest airport in the world, serving more than 53 million passengers a year; and

WHEREAS, a new 519-room Westin Denver International Airport hotel will complete the original vision for the airport; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service between Denver International Airport's transit center and Denver Union Station will begin service in 2016, connect millions of passengers with the City of Denver's vibrant downtown; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Hancock has recognized the area connecting Denver International Airport and downtown Denver as the "corridor of opportunity" that will provide economic benefits for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Denver International Airport is positioned for another 20 years of success as America's favorite connecting hub, where the Rocky Mountains meet the world.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council recognizes Denver International Airport (DEN) on its 20th anniversary and congratulates Denver International Airport's management and employees for developing, maintaining and operating a world-class airport serving Denver, the state, the country, and the world.

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 Councilmember Christopher Herndon, Denver International Airport CEO Kim Day, Mayors Michael B. Hancock, Federico Peña, Wellington E. Webb, John Hickenlooper, Bill Vidal, and a copy for all DIA employees to be hung in a prominent location.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 23, 2015

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