

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation CP10-0436, Series of 2010 Designating May 31 through June 4 as "City Park Week"

Sponsored by Councilmember Madison

**WHEREAS**, Denver's growing population was clamoring for parks by the 1870s, so in 1878, the Colorado state legislature passed a bill allowing Denver to acquire 1,280 acres of state land for parks, and City Park, at 330 acres, became city's largest park; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial 1882 City Park design by Henry Meryweather was in the tradition of English pastoral gardens and New York City's Central Park, with a flowing, casual design that was further influenced by the City Beautiful Movement showcased at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, by the close of the 19th Century, Ferril Lake, the Denver Zoo, and the landmark pavilion designed with Spanish influences by renowned architects John Humphreys and William Fisher, had been added to the park; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1908, City Park was graced with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and the Darlington Prismatic Electric Fountain, illuminated for the first time in recognition of the Democratic National Convention held in Denver that year; and

**WHEREAS**, the iconic electric fountain, unilluminated for years, sprang to life again for the August 2008 Democratic National Convention, and it will do so again on May 31 following repairs after Mother Nature had a say in its history; and

**WHEREAS**, City Park is also celebrating the addition of a Mile High Marker along the Mile High Loop, a meandering running trail built through a grassroots effort led by the City Park Alliance that at four locations is exactly one mile above sea level; and

**WHEREAS**, City Park is benefiting from several major improvements through the voter-approved Better Denver Bond Program, including new sustainable restrooms; circulation improvements throughout the park; and major infrastructure and esthetic improvements to Duck Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Parks & Recreation is excited to showcase all of these improvements for the people of Denver during City Park Week, May 31 through June 4, with many celebrations, tours and festive events.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council designates the week of May 31 through May June 4, 2010, as City Park Week; congratulates the City Park Alliance and the Denver Parks & Recreation Department; and urges the people of Denver to celebrate their City Park by joining in the festivities.

**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 hereof be forwarded to the City Park Alliance and the Manager of Parks & Recreation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

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PRESIDENT