

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. 15-0132

Congratulating the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on the Occasion of the 53rd Annual Parade on March 14, 2015

WHEREAS, the 2015 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade presented by Bellco, steps off at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015, near Union Station, travels to Blake, marches east on Blake to 27th led by Grand Marshal Thomas J. "Dr. Colorado" Noel; and

WHEREAS, Grand Marshal Tom Noel, a celebrated author of more than 40 books—including *Irish Denver*, is a history professor and Director of Public History, Preservation and Colorado Studies at the University of Colorado Denver and appears regularly on local media and writes a regular column on Colorado history for *The Denver Post*; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Emerald Mile" is a tribute to Colorado's Irish heritage, but also to diversity on a day when "Everyone is Irish" and able to unite in enjoying the pipe and drum bands, Irish step dancing, military unit presentations, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade is unmatched this side of the Mississippi with more than an estimated 350,000 people lining the streets of the Mile High City for the celebration; and

WHEREAS, congratulations and thanks to the over 300 current volunteers of the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and many others who have been organizing this event since 1962; and

WHEREAS, we hope a Mile High warm wind is at our backs as we celebrate by marching or watching the 53rd annual parade, Saturday, March 14, 2015.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby congratulates the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, a volunteer organization, on another well-organized, peaceful and spirited gathering at the 53rd annual event.

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 transmitted to Diann LaGrange, President of the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 9, 2015

PRESIDENT