

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation CP11-0618

Welcoming the first USA Pro-Cycling Challenge Denver On August 28, 2011

WHEREAS, the exciting conclusion to the seven-day, 500-mile race across Colorado's Rocky Mountains - the USA Pro Cycling Challenge - zooms into Denver's historic Civic Center Park on August 28, 2011 where the world's top cycling professionals will sprint to the finish line after six high-speed loops around the Park; and

WHEREAS, Denverites - who love their sports, athletes, bicycles and civic celebrations - will have front row seats to cheer racers to the finish of the most grueling bike race in American history to date; and

WHEREAS, a free party in the center of Civic Center Park begins at 10 a.m. with concerts by local and national bands, nearly 20 gourmet food trucks, beer booths, bicycle demonstrations, exclusive race-day merchandise, and family fun; and

WHEREAS, concluding with an awards ceremony immediately after, the race has attracted the world's top cycling competitors including five former and current world champions; five current national champions; and nine 2011 Major Race Champions such as Tour de France winner Cadel Evans; and the famed brothers from Luxembourg, Andy and Frank Schleck; and

WHEREAS, a crowd of over 100,000 people is expected to watch the final stage of the international race from Golden to Denver which will be nationally and internationally televised and which has for the first time ever attracted the top three Tour de France finishers to compete with each other on American soil; and

WHEREAS, Visit Denver, the Downtown Denver Partnership, and the Denver Chamber of Commerce were instrumental in bringing the international competition to Denver's own backyard.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver welcomes the USA Pro-Cycling Challenge to the Mile High City, invites all Denverites to join the celebration in Civic Center Park, and thanks the many organizations and individuals who have worked on organizing this world-class cycling competition.

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.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 22, 2011

PRESIDENT