

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation CP11-0182**

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8, 2011

**WHEREAS**, in 1908 a great unrest and critical debate was occurring amongst women in their struggle for equality leading to 15,000 women marching through New York City demanding shorter hours, equal pay, and voting rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the first National Women's Day was observed across the United States on February 28, 1909; and

**WHEREAS**, the following year in 1910 over 100 women gathered at the Worker's Assembly Hall in Copenhagen, Denmark to organize around worker's rights and to establish an annual Women's Day, to be celebrated around the world and to be used as a forum to press for women's rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1911 the first annual International Women's Day was held in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland with more than one million women and men attending rallies and organizing dialogues to push forward equal rights; and

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day continues annually around the world with more millions of individuals from over 176 countries participating in this global day of recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, 2011 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this worldwide observance, creating awareness of the issues, acknowledging the accomplishments of women, past and present, for their political, economic, and social contributions.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

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

**Section 1.** That the Council congratulates the International Women's Day organizing committee.

**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 the Denver Women's Commission and the International Women's Day Organizing Committee.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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PRESIDENT