

Proclamation No. 12-0596

Declaring Tuesday, August 7, as National Night Out in Denver

WHEREAS, National Night Out (NNO), an event created by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is an event that has been proven to be an effective and entertaining program that promotes neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships that help to create a more safe environment, and better place to live for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, given the tragedies that have struck Denver, our neighbors in Aurora, and neighbors affected by fires throughout Colorado, it is more important than ever this year to come together in our local neighborhoods and communities to strengthen our bonds with each other; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, National Night Out will celebrate its 29th Annual event throughout the United States, anticipating that more than 37 million people will participate in various neighborhood activities; and

WHEREAS, NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and message to criminals that neighborhoods will stand together and fight back against crime; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the NNO, City Council, the Department of Safety, and Denver Parks Recreation will host a "Back to School Backpack Drive" to benefit at-risk youth and Denver Public School students, and the public will be able to donate backpacks at collection bins located throughout the City at various Denver Public Library locations and recreation centers through Friday, August 17; and

WHEREAS, NNO activities throughout the City will include food, youth activities, the soothing sounds of the Denver Municipal Jazz Band, first responder vehicle displays, and prize drawings which will be held specifically at Cole, Montbello, and Westwood neighborhood NNO activities.

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council declares Tuesday, August 7, as National Night Out in Denver, and encourages Denver citizens to participate in NNO activities being hosted throughout the City at various Denver neighborhoods and parks.

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 the Department of Safety, Denver Parks & Recreation, and the Denver Public Library.

		PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 6, 2012