



Proclamation No. CP16-0544

**Recognizing the 2016 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties
Awarded to Denver Public Works and Earth Force**

WHEREAS, the South Platte River, Cherry Creek, Bear Creek, and other surface waters are vital natural resources to the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, the South Platte River has been a main source of water for Denver since its founding in 1858 and supports our City and County’s population of more than 650,000; and

WHEREAS, Denver stormwater affects these important local resources, municipal stormwater runoff must be controlled as part of Clean Water Act compliance, and the people of Denver can help reduce pollution through thoughtful actions; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver strives to operate an excellent municipal separate stormwater sewer system, of which “public education and outreach” is the first required control measure; and

WHEREAS, Denver Public Works has partnered with local nonprofit organization Earth Force, since 2012, to design and implement the innovative “Keep It Clean – Neighborhood Environmental Trios” (KIC-NET) program of science-technology-engineering-and-math education for teachers and students in Denver and its neighboring municipalities; and

WHEREAS, KIC-NET has been adopted in 24 schools and resulted in 63 student-led environmental action projects to date, and will continue to reach more than 1,500 students and 100 teachers annually, as they conduct watershed investigations and make improvements in our urban waterways.

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 congratulates Denver Public Works and Earth Force on the awarding of a 2016 Achievement Award for KIC-NET in the category of Civic Education and Public Information. (Given July 24, 2016, in Long Beach, California)

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 Executive Director of Public Works.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 25, 2016

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