

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. CP10-0591

In Recognition of Steve Friesen, director of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave

Introduced by Council Member Lehmann

Whereas, William Cody, known far and wide as Buffalo Bill, was buried on June 3, 1917, at the top of Lookout Mountain at his personal request; and

Whereas, Buffalo Bill's foster son, Johnny Baker, forged a cooperative arrangement with the City of Denver to build Pahaska Tepee in Lookout Mountain Park to house the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum, which he opened in 1921 to educate visitors to the grave site about the life and times of his foster father; and

Whereas, Johnny Baker's Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum housed a collection of priceless treasures he had collected during his years with Buffalo Bill, and today, that collection, the museum, the gift shop and the grave site are known collectively as the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave; and

Whereas, the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, owned and operated by the City of Denver as a Denver Mountain Park, is a leading attraction in the Denver area and receives local, national, and international recognition, including designation in 2010 as the number three Western museum in the United States by *True West* magazine; and

Whereas, in June 2010, Fulcrum Press published *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary*, a biography of Buffalo Bill featuring the artifacts in the Buffalo Bill Museum, written by Museum Director Steve Friesen, and copyrighted by the City and County of Denver; and

Whereas, the publication of a book by a City of Denver staff member on behalf of the City and with royalties benefitting Buffalo Bill Museum, a division of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department, is an unprecedented event; and

Whereas, the ongoing presence of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave site as a part of Denver's Parks and Recreation Department, the wide recognition of the Buffalo Bill Museum as a leading museum of the Wild West and the publication *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary* add to Denver's reputation as an historical community.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby congratulates Steve Friesen on publication of his book *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary* and thanks him for his contributions to Denver Department of Parks & Recreation.

Section 2. That the Council encourages all Denver-area residents to take advantage of this wonderful historic site close to home that contributes to the richness of Denver's history.

Section 3. 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 Steve Friesen.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2010

PRESIDENT