

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 13-0614

Dedicating September 16-21, 2013 as Denver Startup Week

WHEREAS, in an average year, there are 2,400 new business “births” in Denver creating nearly 1500 jobs and generating an estimated \$35 million in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Kaufman Foundation recently found that Colorado has the largest density of new tech startups in the United States, with Denver being placed as sixth on the list; and

WHEREAS, Metro Denver scored #5 on Forbes’ 2012 “Best places for business and careers” and USA Today ranks Denver/Boulder as a top 10 city for technology start-ups; and

WHEREAS, Denver Startup Week is organized by the Downtown Denver Partnership, the Colorado Technology Association, and the local startup community, with support from over 500 startup companies in Denver, the City and County of Denver, and numerous other public, private and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Denver Startup Week is to communicate, collaborate and convene while showcasing the entrepreneurs, employees and the startup companies fueling innovation in Denver; and

WHEREAS, the first ever Denver Startup Week, held in 2012, launched with over 3500 startup community members engaged in over 70 events over the course of six days; and

WHEREAS, the second annual Denver Startup Week will take place this September 16th through the 21st and is expected to attract at least 7,000 attendees and will feature more than 115 community events.

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

Section 1. That the City Council recognizes the importance of attracting and retaining new startup companies to Denver and applauds Denver Startup Week organizers for their cultivation of this vital community, and officially dedicates September 16-21, 2013 as Denver Startup Week.

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 forwarded the Downtown Denver Partnership and the Colorado Technology Association.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 9, 2013

PRESIDENT