PROCLAMATION

City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 14-0498
In recognition of Dale Coski upon the occasion of her retirement

WHEREAS, Dale Coski was hired by the Denver Police Department as a patrol officer on January 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dale served for three years as a Denver Police Officer and during her tenure was severely injured in the line of duty in September 1983; and

WHEREAS, Dale was hired by the Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations on January 3, 1985 as a Community Relations Consultant; and

WHEREAS, Dale's service dog, Perseverance, also known as Percy, has the distinction of being the first service animal in the State of Colorado in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Dale with Percy at her side, testified before the state legislature to create laws for service dog access; and that year the legislation was created, passed and signed into law by Governor Richard D. Lamm; and

WHEREAS, Dale worked with former Manager of Safety Beth McCann to create the Denver Disability Parking Enforcement Program in 1993, helping to ensure disabled parking access and enforcement for people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, Dale Coski, as the coordinator of the Disability Parking Enforcement Program has trained and supervised 40 volunteers advocating for the rights of people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2014, Dale Coski will retire as a full-time employee from the Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships, fulfilling 32 years of dedicated service.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes Dale's remarkable and inspirational contributions over the years and on behalf of Denver residents wishes her well in retirement.

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 Dale Coski.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 23, 2014

_____ PRESIDENT