


PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP14-0623 Honoring Dr. Paul Melinkovich on the occasion of his retirement

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Melinkovich has dedicated his entire 37 year medical career at Denver Health serving Denver's poor and advocating for vulnerable patient populations, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Melinkovich started the first school-based health center in Denver and has been instrumental in establishing Denver Health as one of the most acclaimed school-based health care systems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Paul Melinkovich's leadership as Director of Ambulatory Care Services, the Denver Health clinics increased the number of patients served by 50% in seven years to 120,000 people served in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Melinkovich lead the LEAN Transformation of Denver Health's ambulatory clinic culminating in the acclaimed Shingo Prize, which represented the first healthcare organization ever to receive this international award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Melinkovich lead the creation of the Denver Health Immunization Program and electronic registry resulting in the prestigious Codman Award from the Joint Commission, one of only two ambulatory awards given nationally in a decade; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Dr. Paul Melinkovich's work Denver Health became a truly integrated healthcare system, which resulted in it becoming a model healthcare organization for the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Melinkovich has received many awards and commendations including being awarded recently the national 2014 Samuel U. Rodgers Achievement award for outstanding achievements in clinical practice and leadership of the community health center mission and service; and

WHEREAS, the City will miss his leadership, his ability to create the future of healthcare, and importantly his constant dedication to our patients and the true mission of Denver Health.

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council hereby recognizes Dr. Melinkovich's for his contributions to Denver's community in countless ways personally and professionally to keep Denver's citizens healthy and for his professional and personal dedication to the City and County of Denver, the State of Colorado, and the nation. His retirement is scheduled for September 2014, and he will leave a void that will be challenging to fill.

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 Dr. Paul Melinkovich.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 4, 2014

PRESIDENT