

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 18-0754 Honoring the Life and Contributions of John Martin Prosser

WHEREAS, John Prosser was born in Wichita Kansas, served in the US Air Force as a Strategic Air Command Pilot, was a widely known and well-respected Architect and Professor, a top-notch golfer, father of five children (Jenn, Tom, Anne, Ned and Timothy), grandfather of seven and husband to Ann. He a unique and passionate individual; a visionary on many things to come for Denver and was a tireless environmental and preservation advocate. He helped bring desperately needed resources to the children of Garden Place Academy in Globeville; he died on November 20, with his loved ones by his side; and

WHEREAS, John was also a Professor Emeritus with the University of Colorado, where he helped to grow their offerings to planning and architect students at all levels; initially as the first director of the Environmental Design program, director of the Master of Urban Planning in the Urban Design and Architecture program as assistant dean, interim dean and dean; as a Planner and Architect, where he worked from 1969 retiring in 2008, and served as a long-time member of the AIA and ULI; and

WHEREAS, Professor Prosser was an integral part of Colorado's architecture in his role at the University of Colorado. He worked on the CU Design Review Board for all four CU campuses (Anschutz, UCCS, Auraria, and Boulder) as well as DU; and

WHEREAS, John worked on the preservation of the Auraria Neighborhood during the planning of the downtown Auraria Higher Education Campus, Denver International Airport, and the Denver Tech Center. He advocated for reunification of neighborhoods bisected by I-70 through re-routing the highway traffic. He was adamantly opposed to the current plans for developing I-70. John was one of the key architects for preserving LoDo - especially the Oxford Hotel; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid environmentalist and worked in areas of sustainability decades before that became a well-known term. He worked extensively to support communities that were underserved from his work on Auraria campus to his work with Garden Place Academy in Globeville, until his death; and

WHEREAS, John was a proud Kansan (especially proud of his family's legacy at KU), but Colorado was truly his home and he worked tirelessly to make it the best home it could be for everyone; and

WHEREAS, John's greatest passion, however, was teaching. His time as a professor emeritus at UCD was what was most important to him. He did sabbaticals at University College Dublin in Ireland. He was very close with his students, who came from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, his dear friend of many years, Dana Crawford said it best in describing John Martin Prosser - "Few Denverites understand the depth of John's knowledge and commitment to our Mile High City. Hundreds of master plan imprints bore his wise signature." John shared this famous Irish toast with many who knew and loved him. "May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live".

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 expresses heartfelt condolences and gratitude to his family for sharing John Martin Prosser and his many contributions with the citizens of Denver and names this day of July 9, 2018 as John Prosser Day.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Prosser family.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 9, 2018

PRESIDENT