

Proclamation No. 15-0428 Honoring Mark Upshaw for his service to the City and County of Denver

WHEREAS, Denver City Council wishes to recognize our colleague Mark Upshaw, who has provided thoughtful community leadership, vision and service for his 25 years working for the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Mark Upshaw values the importance of community involvement, he has actively worked as a neighborhood leader on the board of the Inter-neighborhood Cooperation, and guided a community involvement and project delivery process for 26 Streetscape projects in the 1989 bond program; and

WHEREAS, Mark wrote and initiated grants resulting in a total of three-hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars, used for renovations to the Molkery (Montclair Civic Building) and City Park Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, Mark has provided project management for nearly all of Denver's iconic Park Buildings and Parks Structures including: Cheesman Pavilion and fountain reconstruction; Washington Park Boat House Rehabilitation 2011; Fleming Mansion in Platt Park and City Park Pavilion and Bandstand; and.

WHEREAS, Mark Upshaw, a national leader in restroom design, developed and implemented The Parks Restroom Master Plan 2005 with prototypical design guidelines which directed implementation of 10 new restrooms and 28 restroom rehabilitations; or as Mark identifies them, "little Landmarks".

WHEREAS, Mark Upshaw, ever the outgoing personality, broke down communication barriers between Department of Public Works and DPR through creation and implementation of a program used to identify, summarize and coordinate all Public Works projects to minimize impacts on park lands and amenities.

WHEREAS, Mark Upshaw leaves a legacy of strategic and physical plans and studies including: The Burns Park Master Plan, Eddie Maestas Park Vision, Design and Implementation, Restroom Master Plan 2005 and Recreation Center Assessment.

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 congratulates and celebrates Mark for his long distinguished career in service to the preservation and improvement of Denver's Parks, historic resources and unique public amenities.

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 Mark Upshaw.

_____PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 15, 2015