

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 14-0477 Recognizing the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Southeast Denver's Bonnie Brae Tavern**

**WHEREAS**, the local diner has always played a vital role in the economic and social life of a neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, for 80 years a little diner in southeast Denver called the Bonnie Brae Tavern has served four generations of neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonnie Brae Tavern's patrons are an eclectic group encompassing local neighbors as well as large extended families from throughout the Mile High City, priests from the parish down the street, business sector millionaires, lawyers on a lunch hour, politicians both present and past, hard working every day men and women, youth soccer clubs and University of Denver students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonnie Brae Tavern has served as the anchor of entrepreneurial development in Denver's Bonnie Brae neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonnie Brae Tavern's original owner, Carl Dire, was an auto mechanic who grew up in north Denver and saw the end of Prohibition as an opportunity to try his hand in the bar business; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Dire eventually handed down the Bonnie Brae Tavern, the business he opened on June 6, 1934, to his two sons, and, in turn, to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, walking into the Bonnie Brae Tavern, with its walls covered in the original décor (ever updated) from 1934 including turquoise and brown accents, vintage photographs of the Dire Family, menus from the era of the Great Depression, 50 years of memorabilia of the Denver Broncos and numerous forms of recognition of the Bonnie Brae Tavern's eight decades of continuous service to the Denver community, all of which provide the Tavern's patrons with a living museum of local history.

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

**Section 1.** That City Council hereby recognizes the Bonnie Brae Tavern for its success over the years and the Dire Family and tavern staff for continuing to serve the Mile High City.

**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 the Dire Family.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 2, 2014

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PRESIDENT