

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP11-0540

In recognition of Geardean Martinez for 36 years of service to the residents of Denver upon the occasion of her retirement, July 29, 2011

WHEREAS, Geardean Martinez grew up in Denver with her three sisters and four brothers and graduated from North High School; and

WHEREAS, Gerri worked at Remington Elementary School as a Recreation Aide through the Summer Youth Employment Program before she was hired in 1975 by the Denver Parks & Recreation Department as a fulltime Recreation Leader at Ashland Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, when the Aztlan Recreation Center opened in the Sunnyside community, Gerri was transferred to the brand new facility as the Program Coordinator, and she has been there ever since, coaching girls volleyball and softball and tee-ball; and

WHEREAS, herself an award-winning ceramics artist, Gerri shared her talent and knowledge as arts & crafts and ceramics teacher to all age groups, including the community's seniors, who are so upset by the prospect of losing her that she will continue teaching one class a week for them; and

WHEREAS, Gerri not only coached and taught, but she loved the kids and was a devoted mentor to many, and as the years passed, mentored the children and grand-children of some of her original rec center kids; and

WHEREAS, while diligently and lovingly carrying out her duties for the City of Denver, Gerri and immediate family, husband Paul Roybal and daughter Nicole, were committed to their extended family and their community, serving it in countless ways.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes Geraldean Martinez, thanks her for her dedication to Denver's children and families, and wishes her well as she starts the next chapter of her life.

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 Geraldean Martinez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 25, 2011

PRESIDENT