

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 20-0879 Second Annual La Raza and Barnum Park: A Cruise Down Fedz Day

WHEREAS, Denver has been home to a thriving and vibrant Chicano community for generations; and

WHEREAS, last year's First Annual La Raza and Barnum Park: A Cruise Down Fedz Day was a proud and joyous celebration of Chicano history and lowriding culture; and

WHEREAS, communities from West and North Denver, and throughout the Denver metro area joined together in solidarity and unity; and

WHEREAS, 2020 has brought multiple crises to our communities, including the global COVID-19 pandemic that has claimed the lives of hundreds of Denver residents, an economic failure that has left countless families struggling, and a reckoning with structural racism in nearly every aspect of society; and

WHEREAS, communities of color in Denver, including neighborhoods in North and West Denver, have suffered the disproportionate impacts of injustice, criminalization, and violence; and

WHEREAS, our communities are calling for justice, inclusivity, and a Denver where all residents and families can thrive; and

WHEREAS, cruising culture, lowriders, and car clubs collectively instill a sense of pride and community resilience within many North and West Denver families and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Chicano movement has advocated for fifty years to officially change the name of the park located at 38th and Navajo in Denver and eagerly anticipates the renaming of La Raza Park in 2020 thanks to Councilmember Amanda Sandoval's efforts; and

WHEREAS, standing on the legacy of the Chicano movement in Denver, a new generation of grassroots and elected leaders have made tremendous strides to ensure that Chicanos, Mexicanos, immigrants, and people of color are treated with equity, dignity, and respect.

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 in the pursuit of the shared goals and responsibilities of promoting knowledge about Chicano cultural traditions, unifying communities, and combating prejudice and eliminating discrimination, the City and County of Denver, Colorado, does hereby proclaim August 23, 2020 as "Second Annual La Raza and Barnum Park: A Cruz Down Fedz 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 La Raza Barnum Park Day Planning Committee, Councilwoman Jamie Torres, Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval, the Denver Latino Commission, and the Denver Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 24, 2020

PRESIDENT