

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP16-0565 Recognizing Eloy Chavez in his Retirement

WHEREAS, Eloy Chavez, dedicated 24 years of his professional life to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, he realized his vision of community service by opening the doors to the Adolescent Counseling Exchange (ACE) in 1994, a 501c3 organization, dedicated to gang prevention and substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, Eloy instilled in his daughter Marisa Aragon Chavez at an early age the value of education and social justices; and

WHEREAS, Marisa journeyed with her father in ACE/CCS for over 2 decades, with equal persistence and love for community; and

WHEREAS, the Adolescent Counseling Exchange (ACE), through a grant provided by the Federal Juvenile Justice System, with funds to work with youth and families; and

WHEREAS, ACE began its Day Treatment Substance Abuse services in 1996 to provide a more holistic approach to substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, ACE expanded its philosophy for holistic treatment including mental health, substance abuse services, education and family empowerment to education with the opening of the Community Challenge School (CCS) in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Adolescent Counseling Exchange/Community Challenge School, a community based charter school, has provided culturally relevant pedagogy to youth in the Denver Public School system in the 7-county region for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, ACE/CCS has also provided culturally responsive family counseling and empowerment services to hundreds of students and families for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, ACE/CCS has worked to maintain peace in the community through its PEACE Jams and participation in nonviolent activities; and

WHEREAS, Eloy Chavez received special recognition for his work as a Charter School Principal, Founder and Friend in 2006, the Colorado Trust's Award for Advancing Health and Well-being of the People of Colorado through Bullying Prevention Initiatives from 2005-2008 and the Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Committee of Denver's organizational award for its commitment to following the ideals of non-violence espoused by Cesar Chavez; and the Liberatory Education Award from Escuela Tlatelolco; and

WHEREAS, ACE/CCS has worked with thousands of students, many who were triaged back to their respective home schools and have graduated.

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 recognize and congratulate Eloy Chavez on the occasion of his retirement and his realized vision for the Adolescent Counseling Exchange and Community Challenge School.

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 Eloy Chavez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 1, 2016

