

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP16-0497

Honoring Dianne Cooks, Executive Director of Families Against Violent Acts

WHEREAS, Dianne Cooks is the founder and Executive Director of Families Against Violent Acts (FAVA), which was established in 2006 after the near fatal shooting of her son during the summer of 2005; and

WHEREAS, she needed to find a way to deal with the hopelessness that results from senseless acts of violence, as well as trying to understand the causes for and solutions to the increasing acts of violence that happened in our city; and

WHEREAS, Dianne identified the need for parents, families and friends to process the aftermath of the shooting or death of a love one, as well as the despair, isolation and doubt; and

WHEREAS, Families Against Violent Acts provides a safe place for mothers and others to share their stories, pain, disappointments and hope; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Cooks and the Families Against Violent Acts has strived to fulfill their mission of empowering families affected by violence and promote healing, and have courageously served our community for the past 10 years

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 proclaims June 25, 2016 to be known as Dianne Cooks and Families Against Violent Acts Day for her committed service and dedication to the community.

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 Dianne Cooks.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 11, 2016

PRESIDENT
