

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 21-0688
Honoring the Dedication of La Raza Park Name Change
and the Annual Summer Solstice**

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca is a traditional Xicano/a, Mexicano/a, Indio/a cultural dance group comprised of adults, children, and families dedicated to preserving the indigenous dance of their Ancestors, the Mexica; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca is hosting the 2021 Xupantla (Summer Solstice) in the newly named La Raza Park where family members come to share oral traditions, pray and dance in honor of the rain that grows crops to nourish our bodies, because without water, nothing survives; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca has been dedicated to the community and its' families for the past 41 years, providing direction and guidance with dances and ceremonies in Denver, Colorado, Aztlan and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the time to water the seeds that need growth and development to heal las pesares de la vida, moving from inhumanity to humanity; and

WHEREAS, for 41 years Grupo Tlaloc has used danza to educate la comunidad and to summon our ancestors to walk with us on this historic journey; and

WHEREAS, other forms of art such as muralism, poetry, and la palabra that emanate and belong to la gente and are part of our cultural renaissance, produced in communion with nuestro espiritu have joined us this year to celebrate the summer solstice; and

WHEREAS, the formal renaming will take place of the former Columbus Park to La Raza Park to honor the community that has lived, worked, struggled, and have also thrived in North Denver for decades; and

WHEREAS, the time to honor nuestros antepasados, self, homeland, spirituality, and community from Meso-America to las Americas and throughout the world has arrived; and

WHEREAS, the summer solstice symbolizes the nurturing of our youth who need consejos and vision to create a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, danza reclaims our identity and spirituality through action and performance in nuestros comunidades to pass down to the next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, political, cultural, and intellectual development is the basis of human progress recognizing our past, informs the course of history.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes and commends Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca, the Xicano/a, Mexicano/a, Indigenous community who have called La Raza Park "home" for decades and have advocated for the name change taking place as the City of Denver officially recognizes it on June 20, 2021.

Section 2. That 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 Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 14, 2021

PRESIDENT