

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 11-0664

In Honor of John Anthony Sbarbaro, M.D., MPH

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1986, Dr. Sbarbaro served in leadership roles at Denver Health, formerly Department of Health & Hospitals, where he was world-renowned for his expertise in the study and treatment of tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, as one of the early pioneers of the neighborhood health movement, Dr. Sbarbaro transformed Denver's program into a model for the nation, and he was equally instrumental in transforming Denver General's emergency department into a world-class trauma center and 911 emergency service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sbarbaro's creative thinking and methods led to the national prominence of the Rocky Mountain Regional Poison Control Center, and it was his tenacity, powerful voice, and never-ending advocacy for the underserved and vulnerable populations that led to the recruitment of top quality physicians and high quality health care for all Denver Health patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sbarbaro's efforts impacted hundreds of thousands of lives through his research, service delivery, and health policy-making contributions; and it was his intellect and command of complex issues that made him a special contributor to the betterment of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sbarbaro's wit, sense of humor, and never-ending energy was extraordinary, he will be missed by all.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. On behalf of a grateful City, Denver City Council declares Monday, October 24, 2011, as Dr. John Anthony Sbarbaro Day, in remembrance of his medical dedication and advocacy for all Denver Health patients and Denver citizens.

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 the family of Dr. John Anthony Sbarbaro.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 24, 2011

_____ PRESIDENT