

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation CP11-0455

## In Honor of Darlene Martinez upon the Occasion of Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Martinez is a proud daughter of Council District 3, where she grew up in a family that contributed to the community in a very important way, by caring for foster children who needed to be nurtured and loved, and is a Denver West High School graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Martinez began her career with the City and County of Denver when she was hired by Manager of Revenue, Tom Briggs, in November of 1984, and in August of 1985, she was hired full-time in the "Denver Family" in Treasury reporting to Paul Brownridge; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987, Robert Shoates hired Darlene as the Motor Vehicle Deputy Director, and because of her keen leadership abilities and astute business sense she was promoted to Motor Vehicle Director in 2005 by Manager of Revenue, David Hart; and

**WHEREAS**, some of her proudest accomplishments include establishing branch offices in Denver neighborhoods including a drivers license office at the Peoria Branch which brought in more than \$400,000 to the General Fund the first five years, and providing credit card and online renewals for motor vehicle customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene was a great mentor to her employees, she was always encouraging staff and customers to think outside of the box to make processes better, she taught others to have a voice because she honestly cares about people, and you could always catch her challenging others to be the best they can be; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene is highly respected by her peers in the motor vehicle community, she retired as Denver's Motor Vehicle Director on May 13, 2011, and one would now find her spending time with the family she treasures, her husband, Al Martinez, and their children Eric and Jada, and their grandchildren Sasha and Soleman.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council congratulates Darlene on the occasion of her retirement and wishes her well in her future, and the Council thanks her for her extraordinary dedication to the citizens of the City and County of Denver.

**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 Darlene Martinez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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PRESIDENT