

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver  
Proclamation No. 11-0918

**Commending the work of the Denver Food Access Task Force in identifying policy solutions for improving the availability of healthy and affordable food in underserved regions through the development of new supermarkets and food stores**

**WHEREAS**, research indicates access to healthy food reduces diet-related illnesses, such as diabetes, obesity and heart disease, some Denver communities continue to lack access to affordable and healthy food; and

**WHEREAS**, there are too few grocery retail venues in many areas of Denver and Colorado—a situation that results in poor health outcomes for residents as well as reduced economic and social benefits for neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, funding from the Colorado Health Foundation helped the Denver Department of Environmental Health together with The Food Trust convene the Denver Food Access Task Force, a public-private partnership with leadership from Colorado's grocers, economic development professionals, and health, philanthropic and food advocacy organizations to identify public policy recommendations that will improve the availability of affordable and healthy food in underserved regions through the development of new supermarkets and other food stores; and

**WHEREAS**, The Denver Food Access Task Force published its consensus policy recommendations in the report, *Healthy Food for All: Encouraging Grocery Investment in Colorado*, and is leading efforts along with the Department of Environmental Health to implement these policies.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council commends the Denver Food Access Task Force for its work and supports its continued collaboration towards expanded grocery access in underserved communities of Denver and throughout Colorado.

**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 copies be transmitted to Annie Warhover, President and CEO of the Colorado Health Foundation, Stacey McConlogue, Denver Healthy People Program Manager, Department of Environmental Health, Howard Gerelick, Vice President of Real Estate for Safeway, Kathy Underhill, Executive Director of Hunger Free Colorado and Yael Lehmann, Executive Director of The Food Trust.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 12, 2011

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PRESIDENT