

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation CP10-0453, Series of 2010

Honoring Carlos Casteneda and the dance group Grupo Tlaloc celebrating the start of the 2010 Biennial of the Americas in Denver

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

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca was established in Denver 30 years ago to instill a sense of pride to those genetically connected to the native culture of this continent; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca was established in Denver to raise awareness, an appreciation and to educate those not genetically or spiritually connected to the native cultures of this continent about the beauty and wisdom of the history and traditions of the native people of Mexico through dance, music, song and art; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca has much gratitude and respect for Florencio Yescas, Andreas Segura and the many jefes who have since passed and shared the knowledge of this rich culture; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca has been under the dedicated, vibrant leadership of Carlos Casteneda for the past 27 years and he has led the group in dances and ceremonies in Denver, Colorado, 25 other states, Mexico, Canada and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca for the past 30 years has hosted the Xupantla (Summer Solstice) ceremony in Aztlan Park where dance groups from all over United States and Mexico come together to share oral traditions, pray and dance in honor of the rain that grows crops to nourish our bodies, because without rain nothing survives; and

WHEREAS, The Biennial of the Americas, a month-long celebration of the people, art and culture of the Western Hemisphere, has asked Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca to raise awareness about the richness of the Americas by doing a dance performance at the McNichols, future home to the Biennial's central art exhibit in July.

**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 for wholeheartedly giving back to the community by preserving and keeping the traditional dance of Mexico alive.

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 Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2010

PRESIDENT