

Proclamation No. 12-0915

Recognizing the work of the Colorado Student Veteran Association Foundation (CSVAF) and their call to action on behalf of Student Veterans

WHEREAS, Colorado Student Veteran Association Foundation was founded by its Chief Executive Officer Sir: Jheshua Jackson, Esq., a Benevolent Ambassador and a former honorably discharged Veteran who served in the U.S. Navy Fleet Marine Force as a Corpsmen and Surface Warfare Specialist; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Colorado Student Veteran Association Foundation or CSVAF is to provide hardship and debt relief for Colorado's Student Veterans and single family veterans who depend on the Department of Veterans Administration (VA) for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, CSVAF helps honorably discharged Veterans with continuing education needs such as assistance in paying for tuition, books and school supplies, in addition to help with rental and housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, in October 2012 it was estimated that more than 20,000 post-9/11 "GI" bill claims are pending at the VA, resulting in Student Veterans struggling to pay for housing and family needs; and

WHEREAS, Sir Jheshua Jackson, Esq. has asked community and business leaders and nonprofits across the United States to recognize the urgency of getting staffing and funding to the VA to get the critical backlog of financial assistance resolved for veterans who desperately need financial help for housing and daily needs.

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council urges Colorado elected officials and citizens to take action on behalf of veterans by writing or calling the Department of Veterans Affairs to remedy the critical funding backlog that is desperately needed by our Student Veterans and their families.

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 Sir: Jheshua Jackson, Esq.

		PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 26, 2012