

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. CP13-0515

In recognition of The Centennial of the Denver Mountain Parks System: 1913 - 2013

WHEREAS, one of Denver's great civic assets is its world-renowned Park system; and

WHEREAS, Denver's reputation as a "City in a Park" owes its origins to the City Beautiful movement of the late 19th century, the leadership of Mayor Robert Speer, John Brisben Walker and the architectural talents of J.J. Benedict, Burnam Hoyt, Saco DeBoer and Frederick Law Olmsted; and

WHEREAS, Denver's unique location, nestled up against the front range of the Rocky Mountains affords its citizens an enviable opportunity to enjoy and utilize the natural beauty of the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the incredible vision of civic-minded individuals and organizations such as the Real Estate Exchange, the Denver Motor Club and the Chamber of Commerce, the citizens of Denver voted in 1912 to create and fund the Mountain Parks system, and by Act of Congress, the City was granted the ability to purchase large tracts of Federal land; and

WHEREAS, these lands were eventually connected into a necklace of parks by roads built by the City itself, whereby Denver now can boast a Mountain Park system of over 14,000 acres, stretching from Daniels Park to Summit Lake on Mount Evans, from Bear Creek and Evergreen Lake to Winter Park and Red Rocks Amphitheatre; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain Parks and natural conservation areas serve a valuable role, providing meaningful outdoor experiences to Denver's citizens past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2013, Denver celebrates the Centennial Year of the Denver Mountain Parks system and recognizes the vision of her citizens in 1913.

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

Section 1. The Council hereby recognizes August 2013 as Denver Mountain Parks Month and urges Denver residents to reacquaint themselves with this unique system.

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 the Denver Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Natural Resources and the Denver Mountain Parks Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 29, 2013

PRESIDENT