

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP14-0385

In recognition of the first annual Denver Mini Maker Faire, May 3-4, 2014

WHEREAS, Denver is currently home to over a third of the region's manufacturers, which employ nearly 20,000 workers in primary jobs that bolster the middle class, and countless crafters and inventors, and "Made in Denver" is a phrase that not only celebrates this rich history, but beckons a diverse, vibrant economic future that can be made even stronger with a thriving manufacturing sector creating primary jobs for the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the "Made in Denver" moniker will be celebrated uniquely in the upcoming first annual Denver Mini Maker Faire, debuting on May 3 and 4 at the National Western Complex—a festival to showcase the work of arts and crafters, inventors, builders, recyclers, and other creators in the Denver area; and

WHEREAS, the Maker Faire will be a multi-generational gathering of 10,000-15,000 attendees in its first year, providing the opportunity to participate in interactive exhibits from local businesses, crafters, and techies who make, create, engage, learn, invent, craft, hack, recycle, build, think, play, and are generally inspired and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, the Maker Faire is described as the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth, a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning in the process of making, building community in the process of building products; and

WHEREAS, the original Maker Faire event started nine years ago in San Mateo, California and now attracts some 900 makers and 120,000 attendees; there are now flagship Maker events in New York, Detroit, Kansas City, Newcastle (UK), Rome, Oslo and Tokyo and a host of smaller, community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires now being produced around the United States and the world—including our Mini Maker Faire right here in Denver.

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

Section 1. The Council hereby celebrates the May 3-4, 2014 Makers Faire at the National Western Stock Show and urges Denver families and residents to participate in and be amazed by the fun-filled panoply of exhibits being offered.

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 C.L. Harmer, Colorado Maker Hub and Elizabeth Van Dyne, Executive Director of Colorado Make Hub and Producer of Denver Mini Maker Faire.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 28, 2014

PRESIDENT