

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation CP15-0779
Proclaiming the Week of October 19, 2015 – October 23, 2015 as
Choose to be G.R.E.A.T. Week in Denver, Colorado**

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, youth violence, delinquency, and bullying are concerns both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program is an evidence-based gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer instructed classroom curricula, teaching youth to say no to gangs, drugs, and crime; and

WHEREAS, the G.R.E.A.T. program offers a continuum of components for students and their families that focus on providing life skills to help youth avoid bullying, delinquent behaviors, and violence; and

WHEREAS, G.R.E.A.T. has now served over 6,000,000 students nationally and internationally since its inception in 1991, and since 2011 has been taught to over 5,000 students in the Denver Public Schools in partnership with the Denver Juvenile Probation Department, Denver Police Department, and the Denver Sheriff's Department in coordination with the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver (GRID).

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

Section 1. That in the pursuit of reducing youth violence and bullying, while fostering a better relationship between youth and law enforcement officers. The Council of the City and County of Denver does hereby proclaim the week of October 19, 2015 through October 23, 2015 as Choose to be G.R.E.A.T. Week.

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver encourages all students to sign the G.R.E.A.T. Pledge; "I pledge to use my G.R.E.A.T. skills to reduce violence in my community, work to resolve conflicts peacefully, and stop bullying whenever I see it."

Section 3. 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 Executive Director Paul Callanan of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver, Chief Shawn Cohn of the Denver Juvenile Probation, Chief Robert White of the Denver Police, and Sheriff Patrick Firman of the Denver Sheriff's Department.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 19, 2015.

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