

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 15-0655 Honoring the Big Brothers and Sisters Sports Buddies Program

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado is the oldest and largest youth mentoring agency in Colorado, and it strives to provide children facing adversity with professionally-supported, one-on-one relationships that change their lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, the organization supported 1,747 one-on-one mentoring relationships between children and adult volunteer mentors in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Big Brother Big Sisters of Colorado's was the first in the country to create and pilot the Sports Buddies program in 2000 and now the program is being used by Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations across the country; and

WHEREAS, children enrolled in Sports Buddies improve their sense of self and future, form positive relationships with peers and family, avoid risky or delinquent behavior, and achieve greater educational success; and

WHEREAS, all Coloradans are encouraged to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado in expanding their one-on-one mentoring model that creates powerful, life-changing relationships for their "Littles" and "Bigs".

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council acknowledges Big Brothers and Sisters of Colorado for mentoring Denver's youth and declares Monday, September 14, as "Sports Buddies Day".

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 Big Brothers and Sisters of Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 14, 2015

_____ PRESIDENT