

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. CP16-0499 On Respect and Safety for Denver**

**WHEREAS**, our hearts are filled with sorrow for the tragedy that took place last week in Dallas and Orlando, lives lost in St. Paul, Baton Rouge and across the nation, our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who have lost their loved ones, and

**WHEREAS**, we cannot accept such horrific events becoming the norm in this country and especially in this city. We must all look really deep inside and realize that wallowing in the luxury of hate of any kind opens the door to hate of all kinds. It's time that we open our hearts and minds and try to understand other points of view more zealously than we try to defend our own, and

**WHEREAS**, today, prior to Mayor Hancock's State the City address, a diverse group of individuals participated in a Prayer Circle to call for action in Denver to avoid a repeat of tragedies in Denver and to begin this reconciliation, and

**WHEREAS**, there are no words to make sense of the sickness that continues to rear its head in America. Violence only begets violence, and we pledge to do better than that, and

**WHEREAS**, the relationship between our safety officers and the community is at the core of having a safe city that we are all proud to live in and one where our men and women in law enforcement go home safely to their families, but have work to do and we must stand together and work together as a community and decry the violence that tears at the very fabric of our society, and

**WHEREAS**, it will take the collective effort of each and every one of us to change what we see occurring across the country and in our community.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver pledges to work with the entire community and our law enforcement agencies, to mourn together, to voice concerns and find solutions so our residents and law enforcement officers all go home safe to their families every 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 July 11, 2016 as a day of new beginnings.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 11, 2016

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PRESIDENT