

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP11-0230**

In recognition of Colorado Architecture Month: April 2011

**WHEREAS**, we are shaped to great extent by our built environment - buildings, public spaces, streetscapes, bridges - and the interaction with our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, an essential element of Denver's character is the quality of its architecture, urban design and civic realm created by architects of the past and the present; and

**WHEREAS**, a core goal of *Comprehensive Plan 2000* is to identify and utilize the very best of Denver's traditional architectural and landscape legacies as a guide for 21<sup>st</sup> Century growth and development while allowing for creativity and a spirit of adventure; and

**WHEREAS**, American Institute of Architects (AIA) members have been constructively engaged in development of Denver's first new zoning code in over 50 years, helping review, test and refine various concepts to ensure the new code achieves the desired result of balance between preserving Denver's architectural heritage while allowing new, innovations in design; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Component and the Denver Chapter of the AIA are dedicated to fostering design excellence by current architects and inspiring the next generation of architects through events such as Colorado Architecture Month; and

**WHEREAS**, during Colorado Architecture Month, AIA Denver offers several free opportunities to the public to experience the many aspects of architecture, including:

- **Saturday, April 16**

- **Denver Box City for Kids (Educational Activity for Children)**

- Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: Wellington Webb E. Municipal Building, Atrium (201 W. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80202)

- Denver Box City for Kids, hosted by AIA Denver, is a very popular event where children experience the design and construction industry firsthand by requesting permits, ordering materials, designing buildings and constructing those buildings into a cardboard city.

- **Saturday - Sunday, April 16 - 17**

- **Doors Open Denver: Expert- and Self-guided Tours**

- Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Headquarters Location: Union Station (1701 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202)

- Explore Denver from the inside out while visiting some of the city's best-known and lesser-known architectural treasures.

- Pre-registration for all expert tours will take place at the Doors Open Denver Headquarters. These tours have limited capacity and run 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Alternately, self-guided tours may begin at any participating Doors Open Denver location.

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

**Section 1.** The Council hereby recognizes April 2011 as Colorado Architecture Month and urges Denver residents to participate in the exciting spectrum of events 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 AIA Colorado, AIA Denver, and the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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PRESIDENT