

Proclamation No. 18-0340 Honoring and celebrating Peter McInerney on April 14, 2018

Introduced by Councilman Christopher Herndon

WHEREAS, the Children's Center at Park Hill United Methodist Church, also known as the Park Hill Children's Center, has been serving Denver's families since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Peter McInerney began teaching at the Children's Center in 1981 in the pre-K classroom and remained there as a fixture for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Peter McInerney taught thousands of Denver children, encouraging them to walk through life with a sense of wonder and fascination, to consider respect mandatory, and to value and appreciate what made them and others unique; and

WHEREAS, Peter's teaching style integrated art and science, play and work, and cities and nature, promoting curiosity, passion and the idea that there is no such thing as a stupid question; and

WHEREAS, numerous Denver parents looked to Peter as a resource during challenging times; and

WHEREAS, Peter's untimely passing leaves a hole in the community but inspires us to continue his legacy of inclusion, joy, and love; and

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

Section 1. That, in honor of Peter's legacy to the children and families of Denver, the Council of the City and County of Denver declare April 14, 2018 as Peter McInerney Day.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmit a copy thereof to the Children's Center at Park Hill United Methodist Church.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL APRIL 2, 2018

ALB PRESIDENT