

## Proclamation No. CP14-0449 Honoring Philip S. Mehler, MD, FACP, FAED on the occasion of his retirement

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip S. Mehler began his career 27 years ago with "Denver General", during which time he has served in many assignments including: Staff Attending Physician, Glassman Professor of Medicine (Endowed Chair), Denver Health and Department of Medicine University of Colorado School of Medicine, Associate Dean University of Colorado School of Medicine, Professor of Infectious Disease and Medical Director, and Chief Clinical Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehler is nationally renowned as the expert in eating disorders and has saved many lives of people who have suffered from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mehler is a prolific academician having published over 350 articles in peer reviewed journals and also is an accomplished Professor of Medicine with an international reputation for excellence in research, education, and clinical care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehler has trained hundreds of interns, residents, and fellows to be physicians of medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehler's leadership abilities have lead to the creation of a world-class facility, supported by world-class physicians and staff, many of whom have devoted their entire careers to Denver Health and its patients providing compassionate, state of the art, and equitable medical care to thousands of patients including the current Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Governor's and City Councilmembers; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Dr. Mehler's work Denver Health became a truly integrated healthcare system, which resulted in it becoming a model healthcare organization for the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mehler has received many awards and commendations including being on the list of "Denver's Top Doctors" Internal Medicine, 5280 Magazine, Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, The Best Doctors in America, and Internal Medicine, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will miss his leadership, his ability to create the future of healthcare, and importantly his constant dedication to our patients and the true mission of Denver Health.

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

**Section 1.** That Denver City Council hereby recognizes Dr. Mehler for his contributions to Denver's communities in countless ways personally and professionally to keep Denver's residents healthy and for his professional and personal dedication to the City and County of Denver, the State of Colorado and the nation. His retirement scheduled for June 2, 2014, he will leave a void that will be challenging to fill.

**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 Dr. Philip S. Mehler, MD, FACP, FAED.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 2, 2014

	PRESIDENT