

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation 16-0988

Proclaiming the Week of October 17, 2016 – October 21, 2016 as Choose to be G.R.E.A.T. Week in Denver, Colorado

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, youth violence, delinquency, and bullying are concerns locally, nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program is an evidence-based gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer instructed classroom curricula, teaching youth to say no to gangs, drugs, crime and violence, and yes to a GREAT future; and

WHEREAS, the G.R.E.A.T. program offers a continuum of components for students and their families that focus on providing life skills to help youth avoid bullying, delinquent behaviors, and violence; and

WHEREAS, G.R.E.A.T. has now served over 6,000,000 students nationally and internationally since its inception in 1991, and since 2011 has been taught to over 6,000 students in the Denver Public Schools with partnerships with the United States Attorney's Office, the Denver Juvenile Probation Department, Denver Police Department, and the Denver Sheriff's Department in coordination with the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver (GRID).

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

Section 1. That in the pursuit of reducing youth violence and bullying, while fostering a better relationship between youth and law enforcement officers. The Council of the City and County of Denver does hereby proclaim the week of October 17, 2016 through October 21, 2016 as Choose to be G.R.E.A.T. Week.

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver encourages all students to be "Upstanders" by speaking up against bullying, wearing orange throughout this week and signing the G.R.E.A.T. Pledge; "I pledge to use my G.R.E.A.T. skills to reduce violence in my community, work to resolve conflicts peacefully, and stop bullying whenever I see it."

Section 3. 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 copies be transmitted to Executive Director Paul Callanan of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver, Chief Shawn Cohn of Denver Juvenile Probation, Chief Robert White of the Denver Police Department, Sheriff Patrick Firman of the Denver Sheriff's Department, and Bob Troyer, United States Attorney.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 17, 2016

PRESIDENT