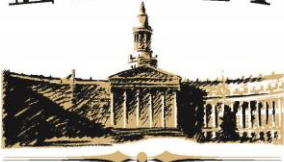


PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23-0967

A Proclamation Recognizing Regis University's Federal Designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution and the Appointment of President Dr. Salvador D. Aceves

WHEREAS, Regis University in Denver, Colorado, founded 1877, is a Jesuit, Catholic university whose mission is to build a more just and humane world through transformative education at the frontiers of faith, reason, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the University's mission compels it to stand with the historically marginalized and to lean into its responsibility to serve as a social force for addressing systemic inequities; and

WHEREAS, Regis has been recognized for excellence in higher education as one of the Nation's 2022-2023 Colleges of Distinction in Equity and Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2023, Salvador D. Aceves Ed.D., was appointed by the Board of Trustees as the University's first lay President, and the first President of Latino heritage; and

WHEREAS, 28 percent of Regis University's full-time, traditional undergraduate students are of Latino descent, reflecting the demographics of both Denver and Colorado. These students represent the next generation of leaders who will make our communities and our nation stronger, more resilient, and more just; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2023, Regis University received federal designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). Regis is now the only private Colorado university and one of only 13 universities and community colleges in the state with the HSI designation. This federal distinction, shared by just over 15 percent of all colleges and universities in the United States, affirms Regis' commitment to serve, support, and celebrate their diverse student body; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aceves strives to develop comprehensive plans to enhance the individual and to collectively support its students by embracing the many opportunities available through the HSI designation; and

WHEREAS, Regis University envisions a future in which all students, no matter their ethnic, racial, or socioeconomic background, would have the barriers to a college education removed and would experience a true sense of belonging.

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 recognizes and celebrates Regis University's federal designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution and the appointment of Dr. Salvador D. Aceves as the University's first lay President, and the first President of Latino heritage.

Section 2. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Dr. Salvador D. Aceves and Dr. Nicki Gonzales, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Regis University.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 7, 2023

_____ PRESIDENT