

## Proclamation No. 12-0485

Recognizing the "Brake for Bela" summer safe driving awareness campaign.

## **Introduced by Councilmember Shepherd**

WHEREAS, coinciding with the traditional end of the school year, the summer months of June through August represent increased activity among children in neighborhoods and surrounding streets; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 2-14 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, pedestrians account for about 30 percent of all traffic fatalities involving children under the age of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 children are injured or killed per week as a result of a vehicle backing up; and

WHEREAS, safe and attentive drivers who adhere to the posted neighborhood speed limit make our streets inherently safer for pedestrians, bikers, and other drivers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our duty as concerned citizens and parents to educate children about the importance of practicing safety and awareness while playing in neighborhoods.

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

**Section 1.** That Denver City Council recognizes the "Brake for Bela" Summer Safe Neighborhood Driving Awareness Campaign starting the first week of June through August 2012, and encourages citizens to practice safety and caution on Denver's neighborhood streets.

**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 Kristi Estes and Bela Estes.

PASSED BY	THE COUNCIL July 9, 2012	
		PRESIDENT