

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 12-0301

Marking April 23rd as Carla Madison Day in Denver

WHEREAS, Carla Madison, an eclectic, vibrant, and joyous woman, died of colon cancer on April 5, 2011, just days shy of her 55th birthday, but she had more impact in those 55 years than most of us have in a full life span; and

WHEREAS, zipping around town on her bright orange scooter with her naturally orange hair spiking out from under her helmet and, Carla clearly embraced life, people and her city; and

WHEREAS, Carla possessed insatiable curiosity and was interested in everything, as reflected by a partial list of the ways she spent her time: physical therapist; mapmaker; theatre costumer; masseuse to the stars; hot-air balloon pilot; artist; helicopter-evacuation firefighter; intrepid world traveler; enthusiastic volunteer; and recognized community leader, even before she was elected to represent District 8 on the Denver City Council in 2007; and

WHEREAS, just one of her enduring roles was as host of the annual City Park Ice Cream Social, which she characteristically performed in full period dress, including a huge hat from her extensive collection housed in the wonderfully and eclectically decorated residence on the edge of City Park that Carla shared with her adored husband Paul Weiss and their beloved dogs; and

WHEREAS, Carla is sorely missed, but she would not want us to be sorrowful; she would want us to celebrate life and all it holds and to honor Earth and humankind; and

WHEREAS, in that spirit and in Carla's memory, on Monday April 23rd, Carla's successor, Councilman Albus Brooks, unveiled a park bench installed in City Park west of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and overlooking the park and the skyline of the city she loved; distributed orange ribbons to all who came to honor Carla; and bestowed orange ribbons on his colleagues to mark Carla Madison Day at City Council.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council honors Councilwoman Carla Madison and marks April 23 as Carla Madison Day in Denver.

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 Carla's husband, Paul Weiss.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 23, 2012

PRESIDENT