

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP11-0304

In remembrance of Rodney J. Smith, formerly of Denver's Division of Theatres & Arenas

WHEREAS, Rodney J. Smith began a long affiliation with the Denver Center Theatre Company as the Assistant Scenic Designer in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Rodney later served as the Assistant Producing Director and continued to contribute to many well-known Denver Center Theatre productions between 1982 and 1989; and

WHEREAS, Rodney's incredible creativity and skills, earned him an offer from the City and County of Denver to become the Assistant General Manager of the Denver Performing Arts Complex in 1989; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Rodney played a leadership role in the renovation and restoration of the old Denver Arena, transforming the space into the nationally-recognized Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre, which opened its doors in November 1991 to present *Phantom of the Opera*; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver recognized Rodney as its 1999 Manager of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rodney followed that with a successful 17-year career with the Theatres & Arenas Division of the City and County of Denver, during which time Rodney served as Director of Business Development and General Manager for the Complex and oversaw the renovation of the Municipal Auditorium into the world-class Ellie Caulkins Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Rodney served the University of Denver as Director for the Division of University Events from 2006 through March 2009 when he was wooed to San Antonio to become the Managing Director of the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation and the Robert L. Tobin Center for the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Smith devoted his life to the performing arts and was so passionate about his work that he often spoke of "living the dream"; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver and the entire metropolitan region have benefited from Rodney's spirit, vision and efforts to procure a lasting legacy of cultural experiences and assets for the enjoyment of all.

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

Section 1. That the Council is very grateful for all of Rodney's many contributions to the City's theatre scene, remembers him fondly, and is saddened his life was ended much too early.

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 his wife, Donna Smith.

PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011