

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 18-1016 Recommending Full Funding and Permanent Reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1965. The Act designated that a portion of receipts from offshore oil and gas leases be placed into a fund annually for state and local conservation, as well as for the protection of parks, forest and wildlife areas; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2018, LWCF received \$425 million. The program is divided into two distinct funding streams: state grants and federal acquisition funds; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, LWCF has provided more than \$268 million in funding from LWCF, and have leveraged more than \$147 million for local government and state park outdoor recreational investments in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, LWCF has protected more than 10,000 acres of public lands valued by sportsmen and women since 2011. This land helps support Colorado's economy by bringing in \$28 billion in consumer spending and 229,000 direct jobs for tourism and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, preparation for natural disasters in Colorado is essential, and money from LWCF is used to help prevent and remediate natural disasters like fires and floods; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, agriculture is important to the economy and our Western heritage, and LWCF is essential in protecting agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, LWCF has played a critical role in providing funding for conserving national parks and forests, rivers, farms and ranches, fish and wildlife, sport and recreation access and trails, and has additionally provided funding to conserve state and local parks and facilities throughout Colorado and the nation, and should therefore be fully funded.

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 hereby recommends full funding and permanent reauthorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and encourages the Colorado Congressional delegation to support full funding and permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Section 2. 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 a copy be transmitted to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 17, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. H. ...', written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT