

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 14-0583

### **Acknowledging the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 and The American Indian Arts and Crafts Symposium in Denver**

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act was passed to prohibit misrepresentation in the marketing of Indian art and craftwork in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act makes it illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell, any art or craft product in a manner that falsely states it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a specific Indian Tribe; which can result in a fine up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment of up to five years for an individual if the total sales transaction is valued at \$1,000 or more, or a fine up to \$1 million for a first-time violation by a business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act defines that an “Indian and/or Indian Tribe” is a member of a federal or official State recognized Tribe, and that a “certified Indian artisan” is certified as a nonmember Indian artisan by the governing body of an Indian Tribe from which the individual is a direct lineal descendant; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, July 17, 2014, the Denver American Indian Commission will host the U.S. Department of the Interior for a one-day American Indian Arts and Crafts Symposium at the McNichols Building, starting at 9 a.m., that will bring various key organizations together to discuss local and statewide museums and historic sites across Colorado to encourage them to buy and sell authentic American Indian and Alaskan Native Art within their respective shops; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the symposium will expand markets for authentic American Indian goods and therefore increase economic prosperity for American Indian artists and give them the opportunity to showcase their work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver American Indian Commission is one of the co-sponsors of the symposium and an active partner in addressing these issues, the Commission encourages people to contact the Indian Arts and Crafts Board at [www.iacb.doi.gov](http://www.iacb.doi.gov), if you become aware of any market activity in violation of the Act.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council acknowledges the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 and encourages residents of Denver to attend the symposium to learn more about Indian art and craftwork.

**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 the Denver American Indian Commission, the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce, and the Department of the Interior-Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 14, 2014

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PRESIDENT