

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Denver Preschool Program Proclamation No. 17-1039

WHEREAS, the Denver Preschool Program was created 10 years ago to help Denver fulfill its commitment to its youngest learners by championing, funding and increasing access to quality preschool across our community; and

WHEREAS, Denver voters have supported preschool education for 4-year-olds with tax dollars since 2006, and renewed their commitment in 2014; and

WHEREAS the Denver Preschool Program holds the vision that every child in Denver enters kindergarten ready to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, research shows that high quality preschool programs have a lasting impact on a child's life, including promoting academic, social and emotional growth, as well as kindergarten readiness, helping each child reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Preschool Program has more than 250 preschool providers participating in its network so Denver parents with 4-year-olds can receive tuition support to attend a preschool of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Preschool Program provides tuition support to parents based on family income, the quality of the preschool and length of school day; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Preschool Program will have distributed more than \$100 million in tuition support to Denver families, and will have supported its 50,000th child by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

WHEREAS, Michael B. Hancock, Mayor of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in him, officially proclaimed September 14, 2017, to be known as "Denver Preschool Program 10th Anniversary Day".

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 and myself as representative on Denver Preschool Program's Board of Directors congratulate DPP on achieving their 10-year milestone and add our support to the ongoing efforts of the program for Denver's youngest learners.

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.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 18, 2017

PRESIDENT