

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP11-0293

In Honor of the Denver NAACP Youth Council

Sponsored by Councilmember Linkhart on behalf of Councilmember Carla Madison

WHEREAS, the Denver NAACP Youth Council, under the leadership of Dr. Carolyn C.K. Phillips, and mentorship of Dr. Menola Upshaw, began providing leadership training, civil rights education, and community service experiences to Denver youth since February 12, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Denver NAACP Youth Council is to support the civil rights agenda of the National NAACP by developing young leaders who will have the knowledge and commitment to serve their communities, by promoting education, social, and economic empowerment of youth, and teaching youth about civil rights history, and the importance of rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council, a 501c-(4) organization, fulfills its mission by volunteering in the community, sponsoring educational forums, presenting inspirational African American history plays, and serving on various committees that address neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Denver NAACP Youth Council has sponsored two major peace rallies focusing on violence in the community and hosted events supporting parents who have lost children to street violence, the youth have sponsored several outreach activities for children in homeless shelters, including making fleece scarves for homeless people, in addition to providing socks and toiletry items; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the Youth Council has sponsored youth Crime Prevention Education Conferences entitled, "Jail Is No Place to Be Somebody", to educate youth and their parents about how to avoid entering the criminal justice system, and this year the conference will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at East High School; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council, under the supervision of Dr. Phillips and co-advisor Mrs. Lydia Morton, have attended nine national NAACP conventions in Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Baltimore, Miami, New Orleans, Washington DC, Houston, and Detroit, including the 100th anniversary celebration of the NAACP in New York City; the youth have had opportunities to participate in leadership development and civil rights training, including meeting with government officials and participating in marches to support the renewal of the Voting Rights Act, and the burial of the "N-Word"; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the Honorable Councilmember Carla Madison, City Council District 8, the NAACP Youth Council would like to recognize the work and support the Councilwoman provided to the organization to further promote its mission to train Denver's youth in crime prevention education, and the importance of community service.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes and thanks the Denver NAACP Youth Council for its commitment to leadership development, civil rights work, and community service.

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 Dr. Carolyn Phillips, Denver NAACP Youth Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL_____2011

PRESIDENT