

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 14-0176

Recognizing the Denver Women Commission's Unveiling of their Year-Long Assessment: Windows into Denver's Women and Girls

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1985, Denver City Council adopted an ordinance creating the Denver Women's Commission as a result of the March 20, 1984 forum on women's issues attended by more than 300 Denver women; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Commission issued a report on the status of Denver women and girls; and

WHEREAS, since that time the Commission has added the voices of Denver women to public policy debates through information and civic engagement and by creating awareness of women's related initiatives, thereby, becoming a recognized statewide advocate on women's issues; and

WHEREAS, in fall 2012, the Commission decided to assess and document the critical issues facing Denver women and girls, selecting the three subject matter priorities included in the Mayor's budget priorities: Jobs, Education/Youth and Safety/Safety Net; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Assessment was to create a long-term, relevant blueprint from which the Commission would identify and prioritize issues and relevant activities to effectively advocate on behalf of Denver women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment was created with the assistance of various Denver agencies and departments and included a one-day hearing on May 10, 2013 at which 19 different Denver organizations testified; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment also creates many opportunities for the Commission to fulfill its mission through the role of convener by bringing together the relevant City entities, community organizations and groups within the community to methodically implement a progressive women's agenda based upon the needs of our community. The opportunities identified include: 1) raising the percentage of female fulltime employees in those City agencies where women are underrepresented; 2) appointing more female County Court Judges; 3) housing, including adopting and implementing the recommendations of the Task Force on Homelessness; 4) analyzing the status of and attract and retain female DIA concessionaires; 5) transportation issues; 6) education, particularly the intersection of poverty and teen pregnancy in those parts of the City identified in the Assessment; and

WHEREAS, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, the Denver Women's Commission is formally unveiling its Assessment: Windows into Denver's Women and Girls at an event in the Rotunda of the City and County Building with speakers, including the Mayor, and a summary of key findings.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes the Denver Women's Commission for their work on behalf of Denver's women and girls and looks forward to utilizing the Assessment as a resource in coordination with the Commission to identify and prioritize issues to improve the lives of Denver women and girls.

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 the Denver Women's Commission.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 3, 2014.

PRESIDENT