

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP14-0834**

**In support of the Globeville and Elyria Swansea Health Impact Assessment (HIA)**

**WHEREAS**, the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods in north Denver are populated primarily by Latino families who have created a beautiful urban-Latino neighborhood with lots of character but want for a better built environment more supportive of their health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, these neighborhoods now find themselves on the cusp of some of the largest changes the area has experienced in several decades, including potential redevelopment and possible expansion of the National Western Complex, redesign of the Brighton Boulevard Corridor, and several other city efforts, known collectively as the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative, an initiative of Mayor Hancock; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver Department of Environmental Health, committed to the value of health impact assessments, which address environmental quality; connectivity and mobility; access to good and services; community safety; and mental wellbeing, began by preparing an HIA for the Globeville and Elyria Swansea area, working closely with residents to understand how the built environment can be designed to enhance the health and safety of the neighbors by offering more and safer options for movement, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, greener, safer places to play, and other environmental amenities designed to improve residents' health; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver's Community Planning & Development Department is working with residents to craft the Globeville and Elyria Swansea Neighborhood Plans, and the HIA is an important and integral part of that process, informing and guiding land use and public infrastructure decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative will use the HIA to frame discussions and help guide planning to improve the environmental, physical, economic and social conditions of the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods through its six redevelopment projects in pursuit of creating a world-class city; and

**WHEREAS**, the HIA and Neighborhood Plans will guide future development and inform and activate neighbors and non-profit and corporate partners looking for data and plans that support actions that will move the community forward; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the recommendations in the HIA will be assurance to the people of Globeville and Elyria Swansea that Environmental Justice violations will not be worsened and that the neighborhoods health concerns will finally be addressed.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council supports the Health Impact Assessment and neighborhood planning process in the Globeville and Elyria Swansea neighborhoods, and encourages area residents to participate in planning and development decisions that should be informed by the outcomes of those efforts.

**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 29, 2014

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PRESIDENT