

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1402

Recognizing Denver's Gathering of Tribal and Indigenous communities at the 3rd Annual Fall Tribal Convening (September 24 – 26, 2025)

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Denver Fall Tribal Convening serves as a transformative platform for Tribal and Indigenous representatives, leaders, advocates, organizations and community members to come together, share knowledge, and collaborate on cultural and climate resiliency, environmental stewardship and traditional ecological knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the convening will take place Wednesday, September 24th – Friday, September 26th, 2025, with Day 1 hosted at Denver Botanic Gardens Mitchell Hall, Day 2 at Denver Indian Center, and Day 3 at CSU Spur Hydro Building, each day running from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, this is the third annual Tribal Convening builds and expands upon two previous Tribal Convenings, hosted by Landmark Preservation in Community Planning and Development, as part of the department's *American Indian and Indigenous Peoples* historic context study; and

WHEREAS, this convening aims to build relationships with Tribal and Indigenous community members, both in Denver and living out of state; acknowledging the historic and ongoing ties 48 tribes have to the land now known as Denver; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver recognizes the importance of integrating Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into all areas of local government, from historic preservation to environmental and climate solutions, particularly through the work of Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency (CASR) and the implementation of the Tribal Communities Climate Justice Program; and

WHEREAS, the convening aims to foster collaboration and innovation in addressing environmental and climate justice challenges, while amplifying Tribal and Indigenous voices and enhancing community resilience in the face of a climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, this event will provide opportunities for community to gather, network, share best practices, and engage in meaningful discussions that honor the unique cultural heritage and contributions of the original peoples of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver is committed to supporting the self-determination of Indigenous communities and promoting initiatives that reflect their wisdom and knowledge in our collective efforts to conserve and protect the environment and ensure a sustainable and resilient future thinking seven generations ahead.

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

Section 1. The Council of the City and County of Denver fully support Denver's 3rd Annual Denver Fall Tribal Convening as a historic cultural event that brings together community and fosters collaboration. City Council supports furthering partnerships with Tribal and Indigenous communities across the region and within Colorado through the integration of Indigenous stewardship in systems of government.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency (CASR), Community Planning and Development (CPD), Denver's American Indian Commission (DAIC) and the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs (CCIA).

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 22, 2025

PRESIDENT