

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP-11-0286

Recognizing Daniel P. Lutz, PhD, Founder and Director of the Denver Center for International Studies on its 25th Anniversary and his retirement.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel P. Lutz started his remarkable career in education with the Teacher Corps and Peace Corps, which took him to Afghanistan where he developed a passion for international education and led him to pursue a master's degree in cross-cultural education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lutz conceived of and founded the Center for International Studies Magnet Program at Denver West high School in 1985 to develop multilingual, inter-culturally competent citizens who are actively involved in our rapidly changing world ; and

WHEREAS, he next championed establishment of an independent magnet school to serve even more students, and in 2005, a magnet school was created for grades 6 through 12, now known as the Denver Center for International Studies (DCIS), which as become a prestigious member of the Asia Society's International Studies Schools Network in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 100% of DCIS seniors have graduated and been accepted by at least two colleges; DCIS students and teachers have traveled to over 18 countries around the world; and most importantly, 100% of those students became informed and engaged citizens of the world and will make a difference right here in Denver as well as in the far reaches of our world; and

WHEREAS, graduates' praises for DCIS include such statements as it "taught me how to take action if I wanted to see change"; "CIS surpasses race, culture and language"; and "I learned to think critically and act on my beliefs"; and

WHEREAS, as Dr. Lutz retires, he leaves a legacy, as the DPS Board selected DCIS as a learning model for two new DCIS sites opening this August in Far Northeast Denver: DCIS at Ford Elementary and DCIS at Montbello High School;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes and thanks Dr. Daniel P. Lutz for his vision and his work as the founder and principal of the Denver Center for International Studies and wishes him well in his retirement.

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 Daniel Lutz.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011

PRESIDENT