

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP-11-0150

Recognizing the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for its 49th Annual Parade on
March 12, 2011

WHEREAS, the first St. Patrick's Day Parade ever was held in Boston in 1737, and now Denver stages one of the largest parades west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, this year, the theme for the St. Patrick's parade, "Forever Green 2011", pays tribute to Colorado's natural beauty and gives a tip o' the hat to the nonprofit organization, Alpine Rescue Team with member Roz Brown as Grand Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the Parade will step off at Blake and 27th Street and proceed on Blake Street to 20th Street featuring Queen Colleen 2011 Ms. Keriayn O'Donnell and Court, accompanied by 10,000 participants in 230 units, showcasing pipe and drums, Irish step dancers, clowns and colorful floats; and

WHEREAS, on March 10 at 3:30 PM, Mayor Vidal will oversee the annual changing o' the street name signs at 17th Ave. and Wazee to read "Tooley Street" for the St. Patrick's celebration; and

WHEREAS, amidst all the celebration, we do want to note the passing of Walt Beckert, a long-time member of the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and a well-loved City employee who devoted many years to Denver's youth through his work with the Safe City program; and

WHEREAS, Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade is a worthy example of how thousands of diverse people come together for a nod at the past and in anticipation of the future on a day when everyone can be Irish; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado sun and Mile High air lifts the spirits of all spectators on Saturday March 12th, 2011, we hope a warm wind will be at all our backs. We hope all will share in celebrating the St. Patrick's Day Parade, "Forever Green 2011".

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby congratulates the volunteer Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on another well-organized event; wishes for sunshine and the wind to be at the back of all, and hopes for another peaceful yet spirited gathering at the 49th annual event.

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 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and "Sam" Kervin.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011

PRESIDENT