

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver  
**Proclamation CP13-0376**

Designating the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup> “Bike Week”  
and June 26<sup>th</sup> “Bike to Work Day” in Denver and celebrating Piep van Heuven’s tenure with Bike  
Denver

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver partners with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, local bicycling organizations, and cycling enthusiasts to plan activities and events intended to promote awareness of the benefits of bicycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Bike to Work Day is an annual event designed to encourage people to ride their bicycles for transportation on a consistent basis to reduce congestion, improve air quality and benefit public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works hosts the Civic Center Park breakfast station where cyclists celebrate their commute to work with free snacks, raffle prizes, music, and educational outreach offered by bicycling organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works makes significant contributions to the City’s bicycle infrastructure; implementing approximately 10 miles of new bikeways yearly; and this year introducing innovative green pavement markings, bike signals and bike boxes on the 15th street bikeway Downtown, as well as striping the City’s 100th mile of bike lane; and whose efforts contribute to Denver’s designation as a top bicycling city; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle and pedestrian safety and infrastructure is the top 2014 budget priority for the City Council of the City and County of Denver and the Council encourages all to participate in Bike to Work Day and utilize Denver’s bicycle network for transportation and recreational trips whenever possible: and

**WHEREAS**, among the tenacious, dedicated leaders of Bike to Work and other events/policies to transform Denver’s pedaling future is Piep van Heuven, outgoing head of Bike Denver. Helping people lead active and healthy lives defines Piep’s career and her heart. Coming from a background in college athletics, she brings a can do attitude everywhere she goes. In 2008 Piep became the first full-time employee of Bike Denver--an enormous responsibility of shaping the organization and being a key advocate for cyclists throughout the Denver Metro area. During her tenure, Piep has substantially expanded Bike Denver’s community support, increased revenue by 50% yearly, built key partnerships with many organizations, and has been instrumental in executing bike events in Denver. These achievements are a testament to a woman who represents the best that community activism has to offer.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council designates the week June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 as " Bike Week" and June 26<sup>th</sup> "Bike to Work Day" and thanks Piep van Heuven for her tireless work on behalf of cycling in Denver and wishes her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

**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 hereof be forwarded to the Manager of Public Works and Piep van Hueven.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 24, 2013

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