

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 17-1155

Celebrating and Thanking Michael Anderson for Fifteen Years of Outstanding Service to the City and County of Denver Upon his Retirement

WHEREAS, Michael “Mike” Anderson grew up in Iowa and was inspired by his father to become an engineer, attending and graduating from CU Boulder, spending a portion of his career at the Los Angeles County Flood Control District & Department of Public Works initiating planning for the now \$1-billion-plus revitalization of the concrete channels of the Los Angeles River; and

WHEREAS, Mike relocated to Denver in 2002 and secured a position as a Stormwater Planning Engineer in Public Works, where he was instrumental in developing the 2005 Storm Drainage Master Plan, which was the first update since 1989, as well as developing both the 2009 and 2014 Storm Drainage Master Plans; and

WHEREAS, Mike was responsible for constituent complaints regarding drainage, and often would meet with residents one-on-one, resulting in Mike getting to know them personally, especially after flooding events in 2005, 2008, and 2013 (just to name a few); and

WHEREAS, Mike has managed numerous drainage studies across the City with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, managed several drainage studies that allow the City to see predicted surface flow depths during large storms, programmed storm drainage capital project for the annual budgets, and managed the 2017 Storm Drainage Metrics Study to prioritize city drainage basins; and

WHEREAS, Mike facilitated numerous public meetings with a special style that explained things well and calmed people down; and brought multiple agencies together (Parks and Recreation, Community Planning and Development, etc.) to collaboratively work on drainage issues; and developed strong relationships with several past and current councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Mike was a willing mentor to new staff, a repository of engineering and institutional knowledge for colleagues, and an inspiration to others to “be like Mike” solely by example. His legacy will live on in the staff he mentored, and the future stormwater planning studies built upon the work he pioneered and championed.

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

Section 1. The Council hereby recognizes and thanks Michael Anderson for his 15 years of service to the City, and wishes him a wonderful 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 delivered to Michael Anderson.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 16, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M. ...', written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM