

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 12-0436

Officially Welcoming “Vochol: Art on Wheels” to Denver and celebrating the cultural symbolism of the Huichol Village from Mexico

Introduced by Councilman Paul D. López

WHEREAS, the Huichol people or also known as the *Waxaritari*, are an indigenous ethnic group living in the western central mountains of Mexico and are known for their cultural production which include embroidery, weaving, and vivid beadwork which reflect an emblematic relationship with nature and its cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of Mexico, the Mexican Cultural Center in Denver, and the *Museo de Arte Popular* in Mexico City are partnering with Denver International Airport to bring a historical, one-of-a-kind work of art created by two Huichol families entitled, “Vochol: Art on Wheels”; and

WHEREAS, “Vochol” is a 1990 Volkswagen Beetle that has been covered with 2,277,000 glass beads, applied by eight artisans from two Huichol families, that symbolizes the history, mythology, and culture of the *Waxaritari* people; and

WHEREAS, from May 21st through August 31, 2012, the “Vochol” will be exhibited at Denver International Airport in the Main Terminal; and

WHEREAS, a collaboration has begun to involve Denver Public School students to use the “Vochol” as their “vehicle of ideas and inspiration” to learn more about art creativity and to demonstrate how history can be transmitted by various forms of art.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council officially welcomes the “Vochol” to Denver and encourages Denver residents to visit the Denver International Airport’s Main Terminal to experience the history and skill of the Huichol people by viewing the exhibit of “Vochol: Art on Wheels”.

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 copies be transmitted to Consulate General of Mexico, the Mexican Cultural Center, Denver International Airport, the Denver Public Schools and the Museo de Arte Popular.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 11, 2012

PRESIDENT