

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 12-0053

Honoring Former Police Chief Gerald Whitman

WHEREAS, Chief Whitman was appointed as Denver's Chief of Police on February 24, 2000 and he has the distinction of being the longest serving Chief in the department's 151 year history; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership many policing models have been implemented and recognized as best practices in areas such as vehicular chases, civil rights, domestic violence, use of force, tactics review, and officer discipline; and

WHEREAS, Chief Whitman serves as a Commissioner for People with Disabilities, Board Chair of the Denver Police Officers Foundation, Board member of the Denver Victims Service Center, and Board member of the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career with the City, he has accomplished many critical tasks such as leading the department in what has been touted as one of the most successful and historical police responses to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, partnering with Craig Hospital and the Daniels Fund to help cover the expenses of family members who are treated at Craig Hospital for critical line of duty injuries from around the country, created the ranks of Corporal and Commander to ensure greater accountability and succession planning, bringing advanced technology to the Denver Police Department and championing the development of the new \$40 million Denver Police Crime Lab, which will be the most modern municipal crime lab in the world when it opens in July 2012, led the department's Cold Case initiative which has been recognized as "the best on the planet" by the United Kingdom's forensics director, and during his tenure as Chief the department has experienced one of the greatest reductions of crime in the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Chief has amassed several professional acknowledgements including: 2011, Safe House Denver, Carolyn Hamil-Henderson Memorial Award, related to domestic violence prevention; 2011, The Police Leadership in Equity and Courage Award, in recognition of his commitment to racial and gender equity in policing; 2008, The Denver Center for Crime Victims, Norm Early Victims Rights Award, in appreciation for outstanding commitment and compassion to victims of crime; 2006, The Downtown Denver Partnership President's Award, in recognition for his commitment and valuable contribution to The Denver Commission to End Homelessness; 2005, United States Secret Service, Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding contribution during the 2004 presidential campaign; and in 1994, The Denver Bar Association Peace Officer of the Year, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Chief Whitman has been a tireless advocate for the officers under his command, though he will be best known and remembered for his innovation and vision, and it will be the next generation of police officers that he trained and mentored that will have the greatest impact on the City and the world.

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

Section 1. That Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Chief Gerald Whitman for his dedicated work and tireless efforts as Denver's Chief of Police on behalf of the City and County of Denver and its citizens.

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 Chief Gerald Whitman.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 23, 2012

PRESIDENT