

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 12-0484

Officially Welcoming the 2012 “Sea to Shining Sea” Cross-Country Bike Ride of Wounded Warriors to Denver

Introduced by Councilmen Charlie Brown and Christopher Herndon

WHEREAS, the Sea to Shining Sea ride is a two-month bicycle, hand cycle, and recumbent ride with wounded warriors from San Francisco to Virginia Beach, Virginia, presented by State Farm, the ride is sponsored by World T.E.A.M. Sports, a national non-profit organization that creates inclusive events for disabled and able-bodied participants; and

WHEREAS, this year’s Sea to Shining Sea ride includes: 14 disabled veterans from across the United States who participated in wars from Vietnam and Bosnia to Iraq and Afghanistan, and two pilots representing our blind participants, who are riding the entire route across 14 states, and the District of Columbia; and other wounded warriors will ride segments of the ride, for a few days to a few weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Sea to Shining Sea team will arrive in Denver on Wednesday afternoon, June 20, after riding from Vail, and the team will depart on Friday morning, June 22, for Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Sea to Shining Sea ride provides a life-changing experience for participants, for volunteers, and for spectators, the participating wounded warriors from all branches of our nation’s military inspire both the disabled and able-bodied to undertake athletic challenges, and to use teamwork to overcome obstacles; and

WHEREAS, at many major cities where the route will cross many community and media events will be held to publicize the event and to allow the public to meet the team, in addition, the riders will also stop at American military bases along the way, as well as connecting with local communities of disabled persons in towns and cities it travels through.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council officially welcomes the Sea to Shining Sea team members to Denver and encourages Denver residents to cheer on the team as they ride through the Denver metropolitan area on their cross-country journey.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Richard Rhinehart, Communications Manager, World T.E.A.M. Sports.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 18, 2012

PRESIDENT