

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 11-0048

Honoring Helen C. Gonzales on the occasion of her retirement

WHEREAS, Helen C. Gonzales has worked tirelessly and cheerfully for the City and County of Denver for a total of 36 years; and

WHEREAS, she began her work for the City and County of Denver as a hearings reporter for the Department of Excise and Licenses, she continued her significant contributions to the Department of Excise and Licenses for 29 years and was appointed by Mayor Wellington E. Webb to the top position of agency Director in September 1999. She was appointed again in January 2007, as Director by Mayor John Hickenlooper. After 29 years of devotion to Excise and Licenses, Helen Gonzales performed outstanding work for 7 years as the City's first appointed Deputy Clerk and Recorder for the Office of the Clerk and Recorder. Helen has since been the dynamic and effective right hand to Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley; and

WHEREAS, she always has a can-do attitude, she is always ready to offer creative solutions to problems, always gives 110 percent to her work, and typifies the very best that can be expected of a manager, whether in the public or private sector; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 36 years of service to the City of Denver, she amassed several professional certifications including: Alcohol Law Education, Professional Management Education, LEAD Strategic Capstone Simulation, and Driving Training and Safe Driving Review. Additionally, she is certified as a heavy equipment operator! As a striking example to all, Helen completed her undergraduate and graduate education while working for the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Helen Gonzales has served humbly on the Denver Women's Commission, and on the board of the Denver Community Credit Union, she has also served on the Denver Employees Medical Health Care insurance Program Committee, and on three committees directly related to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. She has received significant written words of gratitude from many individuals including: Mayor Federico Peña; Dill, Dill, Carr, Stonbraker & Hutchins, Inc.; The Denver Partnership; the Hospice of Saint John; The Most Precious Blood Church; and the Mayor's Office of Economic Development and Training; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of dedication and hard work, Helen C. Gonzales has built a substantial network of colleagues and friends, her ability to navigate through the City structure was made understandable to those who needed friendly and positive clarity. There is no City agency that has not been touched by her wisdom, knowledge and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, her managers, co-workers, and friends are going to miss her work ethic, her smiling face, her enthusiasm, her knowledge and her creativity.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Helen C. Gonzales for her dedicated work and tireless efforts on behalf of the City and County of Denver, and proclaims January 24, 2011, Helen Gonzales Day, in the City and County of Denver.

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 Helen Gonzales.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011

_____ PRESIDENT