

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 18-1059 Recognizing the Importance of Trout in the South Platte River**

**WHEREAS**, following the 1965 flood of the South Platte River, the river was found to be so polluted that it was ecologically dead and unable to sustain aquatic life of any kind; and

**WHEREAS**, through the efforts of The Greenway Foundation, the river and its surrounding lands were reclaimed, restored, and revitalized over the past 53 years; and

**WHEREAS**, through the efforts of Denver Trout Unlimited, the river has been improved with fish habitat projects, and the river has been celebrated as an accessible place to learn how to fish; and

**WHEREAS**, trout stocked as an approved experiment in the Denver South Platte River in March 2017, funded by local anglers and friends of the river Rhys Duggan of Revesco Properties and Matthew Burkett of the Flyfisher Group, have thrived in the downtown area and are now trophy sized; and

**WHEREAS**, fly fishing anglers have helped restore the image of our rebounding river; and

**WHEREAS**, these anglers put on an impressive display of catch and release fishing of rainbow trout during the rededication of Shoemaker Plaza in October 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, these fish are a prized, wild, and welcomed inhabitant of the river in our urban environment, and they are worthy of protecting.

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

**Section 1.** The Denver City Council hereby proclaims the Denver South Platte a prized catch, photo, and release river where citizens and visitors are encouraged to fish with debarbed artificial lures and flies for the protection of the fish.

**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 the Denver Trout Unlimited, The Greenway Foundation, Rhys Duggan, and Matthew Burkett.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 24, 2018

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

PRESIDENT