

Proclamation No. CP13-0373

Welcoming The American Institute of Architects to Denver June 20-22, 2013

WHEREAS, the men and women who traveled across America's vast plains and steep mountains in search of a better life at the junction of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River built a great city; and

WHEREAS, the work of their hands and the reach of their imaginations in fulfilling a free people's dreams were guided by architects, who in partnership with Denver's leaders, continue to enrich that special sense of place, which nourishes the soul of this community; and

WHEREAS, for the sake of future generations we are called upon to be enlightened stewards of the abundant human and material resources, which are the legacy bequeathed this city by those who came before us; and

WHEREAS, we are shaped to a great extent by our built environment - buildings, public spaces, streetscapes, bridges - and the interaction with our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, an essential element of Denver's character is the quality of its architecture, urban design and civic realm created by architects of the past and the present; and

WHEREAS, architects are indispensable partners in working with the people of Denver to preserve and extend this legacy of excellence into the future; and

WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is both recognized and respected throughout the world for its leadership in advocating for the highest ethical standards of professional practice and promoting the artistic, scientific, and practical skills of its members in service to society; and

WHEREAS, the men and women attending the 2013 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition have come to Denver not only to learn from one another, but also to learn lessons from the innovative urban classroom that is the pride of this city.

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

Section 1. The Council hereby welcomes the members and guests of the AIA and urges Denver residents to extend their justly acclaimed hospitality to the convention participants and to celebrate with them the creativity of the gifted men and women who have contributed greatly to the health, prosperity, and sustainability that have earned for Denver an international reputation as a leader of innovation and livability.

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 The American Institute of Architects.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 17, 2013

PRESIDENT