



Proclamation No. 23-1114

A Proclamation Honoring Debra (Deb) Sena for 50 Years of Community Work with Ballet Mestizo

WHEREAS, Deb Sena has served as the founder, an instructor, and dancer of Ballet Mestizo for 50 years from 1973 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Deb Sena was a Crusade for Justice member with the Ballet Chicano de Aztlan in 1972 and a member of the Black Berets, learning the best way to serve her community is to nurture the Ballet Mestizo to allow young Latinos to take pride in their heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, Deb Sena keeps the heritage of Mexican dancing alive by sharing the history and meaning of these beautiful dances with her students, boys and girls ages five to 14 years old, allowing these traditions to continue for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Deb Sena takes pride in being born and raised in Denver and channels that pride into her young proteges, giving them an alternative to the streets and instead an avenue towards positivity through dance; and

WHEREAS, Deb Sena showcases beautiful artistry to the community, making a positive impact.

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver does hereby recognize and honor Deb Sena for providing a safe haven for Denver youth and keeping the heritage of Ballet Mestizo alive in the Latino community.

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 Deb Sena.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL DATE August 21, 2023

PRESIDENT