

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-0359 Recognizing the 49th Annual Denver March Powwow

WHEREAS, Denver is the home of as many as eighty American Indian Tribes represented by residents of the Denver area; and

WHEREAS, the 49th Annual Denver March Powwow will be held Friday March 21st through Sunday March 23rd, 2025, at the Denver Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, activities at the Powwow will include traditional tribal storytelling, Native Author readings, dancing and drumming, the opportunity to purchase authentic Native American arts and crafts, and food including delicious Indian fry bread; and

WHEREAS, annual events include the introduction of the Powwow Royalty, the Grand Entry processional, the beginning of the song "A Living Hoop", and coronation of the Denver March Powwow Princess; and

WHEREAS, Meah Little Sky, the 2024 Denver March Powwow Princess, has traveled throughout the United States and Canada, proudly representing the Denver March Powwow and the City and County of Denver as a cultural ambassador, uplifting Indigenous voices, sharing the rich heritage of Native peoples, and inspiring future generations, in her own words: "As we reflect on our rich history and cultural teachings that have been passed down from generation to generation, let us carry on the values of respect, unity, and compassion"; and

WHEREAS, the Denver City Council recognizes and appreciates the dedication and commitment of the Board of Directors and staff for their combined 160+ years of service to the annual Powwow. The Council extends its gratitude to President Ken LaDeaux, Vice President Virginia Irving, Secretary and Treasurer Diane M. Buck, Board Member Nancy Rouillard, Board Member Kelli Baca, the late Member Emeritus Virginia Quintana, Executive Director Grace B. Gillette, and Powwow Coordinator Larissa E. No Braid, for their commitment to sharing and maintaining their tribal traditions; and

WHEREAS, the annual Powwow is an important annual event for the region's Indian people, making a powerful contribution to passing their cultural heritage from one generation to the next, maintaining pride in their heritage, and promoting cultural awareness of the Native American peoples for the general public.

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 hereby designates the days of March 21st, 22nd, 23rd of 2025, as Denver Native American Cultural Days in honor of the many Native Americans who make their home in the Denver region.

Section 2. That the Council recognizes the occasion of the 49th Annual Denver March Powwow and commends members of the Powwow Committee for their efforts to make the event a cultural and educational success for the Denver community.

Section 3. 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 Larissa E. No Braid and the Denver March Powwow Committee.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL DATE March 17, 2025

PRESIDENT

