

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver  
Proclamation No. 17-0xxx

Supporting Reauthorization of the Colorado Lottery Division by the General Assembly in 2018

**WHEREAS**, Colorado voters provided for a statewide lottery, and in a subsequent election adopted the Great Outdoor Colorado (GOCO) amendment to the state constitution, which directs that lottery profits be used for parks, open space, wildlife, and outdoor recreation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, following the voters' approval of a lottery, the General Assembly created a Lottery Division in the State Department of Revenue to administer the lottery; and

**WHEREAS**, as provided in the GOCO amendment, lottery profits are allocated to the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (GOCO Trust Fund), the Conservation Trust Fund, and to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1992, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants for projects to improve communities in all of Colorado's 64 counties. Funds have helped connect families to the outdoors, improved local trails and parks, built outdoor recreation facilities, preserved ranchlands, water resources, and view corridors, improved river access and quality and conserved wildlife habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed over \$22.5 million directly to the City and County of Denver for these purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1983 the Conservation Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$1 billion in grants to counties, municipalities, and special districts for acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites, capital improvements, and maintenance for recreational purposes on public sites, and

**WHEREAS**, the Conservation Trust Fund has distributed over \$152.5 million directly to the City and County of Denver for these purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, since 1992 the GOCO Trust Fund has distributed approximately \$215 million of lottery proceeds in support of Colorado's 42 state parks, funding parkland acquisition, park development and operations, trail construction and maintenance, environmental education, youth and volunteer programs and stewardship and natural resource management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Lottery Division is critical to the administration of the entire GOCO program and the Division is set to expire unless extended by the General Assembly, which during its 2018 session will consider legislation to extend the Division to 2039.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council strongly urges the General Assembly to approve legislation during its 2018 session to reauthorize the Colorado Lottery Division until 2039.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 11, 2017

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PRESIDENT