

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. CP16-0455

Honoring the Dedication of “El Viaje” (The Journey) and the Annual Summer Solstice

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca is a traditional Xicano/a, Mexicano/a, Indio/a cultural dance group comprised of adults, children and families dedicated to preserving the indigenous dance of their Ancestors, the Mexica; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca is hosting the 2016 Xupantla (Summer Solstice) in La Raza/Columbus Park where family members come to share oral traditions, pray and dance in honor of the rain that grows crops to nourish our bodies, because without rain nothing survives; and

WHEREAS, Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca has been dedicated to the community and its’ families for the past 36 years, providing direction and guidance with dances and ceremonies in Denver, Colorado, Aztlan and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the time to water the seeds that need growth and development to heal las pesares de la vida, moving from inhumanity to humanity; and

WHEREAS, for 36 years Grupo Tlaloc has used danza to educate la comunidad and to summon our ancestors to walk with us on this historic journey; and

WHEREAS, other forms of art such as muralism, poetry and la palabra that emanate and belong to la gente and are part of our cultural renaissance, produced in communion with nuestro espiritu have joined us this year to celebrate the summer solstice; and

WHEREAS, the mural “El Viaje” (The Journey) was unveiled Sunday, June 19th, telling the historical journey that La Raza has taken and the ongoing sojourn that remains; and

WHEREAS, the time to honor nuestros antepasados, self, homeland, spirituality and community from Meso America to las Americas and throughout the world has arrived; and

WHEREAS, the summer solstice symbolizes the nurturing of our youth who need consejos and vision to create a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, danza reclaims our identity and spirituality through action and performance in nuestros comunidades to pass down to the next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, political, cultural and intellectual development is the basis of human progress recognizing our past, informs the course of history.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes and commends Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca, and David Ocelotl Garcia, for wholeheartedly giving back to the community by persevering and keeping the traditional dance of Mexico alive and using muralism to communicate a story of past, present, and future.

Section 2. That 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 Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca and David Ocelotl Garcia.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 20, 2016

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM