

Proclamation No. CP15-0167 Recognizing the 41st Annual Denver March Pow Wow

WHEREAS, the 41st Annual Denver March Pow Wow will be held Friday March 20 through Sunday March 22, 2015, at the Denver Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, activities at the Pow Wow will include traditional tribal storytelling, contemporary hiphop presentations empowering youth and educating listeners with a message of hope, dancing and drumming; the opportunity to purchase authentic Native American arts and crafts; and delicious Indian fry bread by Northern Colorado Tribal Powwow Association; and

WHEREAS, WNBA Atlanta Dream guard, Shoni Schimmel (Umatilla Tribe) will be in attendance to reach out to her American Indian fan base because of her commitment to support our youth and raise awareness of professional American Indian athletes; and

WHEREAS, Indiana University and Kelly School of Business MBA delegates will be in attendance to visit with Denver March Pow Wow Board of Directors and tribal artisans for the **Natives Go Global** project initiated by the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the annual Pow Wow 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 hereby designates the days of March 20, 21 and 22 of 2014, 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 41st Annual Denver March Pow Wow and commends members of the Pow Wow 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 attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver March Pow Wow Committee President Ken LaDeaux.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 16, 2015