

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 16-1089

Honoring the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and its contribution to building the capacity of the Denver Public Library

**WHEREAS**, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has established itself as the 21st century Andrew Carnegie for public libraries and the people and communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gates Foundation was a pioneer in understanding the risks of the digital divide and the importance of digital inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gates Foundation challenged public libraries to become technology leaders and provided millions of dollars to help libraries become go-to resources and trusted guides in an increasingly digital world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gates Foundation provided a significant investment to develop Edge, a national technology benchmarking system created to ensure that public libraries have the right technology to meet today's needs and the promise of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, with its commitment to ensuring that all people have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life, the Gates Foundation has had a profound impact in communities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Gates Foundation has enhanced the capacity, value, and power of public libraries as vital community assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver Public Library and the residents of Denver have benefitted from the vision, commitment, and support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council recognizes and appreciates the importance of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for its groundbreaking work in support of public libraries and the role of Denver Public Library as an essential community resource to support community goals and meet the diverse education needs of our residents from birth through senior years and ensure equal access to the opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**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 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 7, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan Bork", written in black ink.

PRESIDENT