

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation CP10-0551

Recognizing Nancy "Nan" Morehead on the occasion of her retirement

Introduced by Council Members Boigon and Robb

WHEREAS, Nan Morehead's career, including her work as Legislative Liaison for the Denver Department of Human Services, began in 1988 (22 years), and during that time she has been involved in many community initiatives and served on numerous community boards including the All Families Deserve a Chance Coalition, Colorado Common Cause, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, Colorado Lawyers Committee, Colorado Social Legislation Committee, Helping Hearts and Hands, MetroCareRing, and Mental Health America of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, her legislative efforts included the revision of the Colorado Children's Code, the development of the Colorado Works Program, legislative process reform known as GAVEL (Give a Vote to Every Legislator), and although she has spoken to "people of power" at the Colorado Legislature, she has never forgotten the people she represents - those without power or influence; and

WHEREAS, Nan has been recognized with various awards including the Colorado Nonprofit Association Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Mitch Snyder Advocacy Award, Craig Barnes Democracy Award, Colorado Lawyers Committee Community Contribution Award, and the Task Force of the Year Award, and she has been recognized for her work on developing the "Blueprint for Addressing Homelessness in Denver" that became the foundation of "The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness"; and

WHEREAS, Nan Morehead has been on Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) Board since its inception in 1994, she helped to create and implement a plan to provide a safe area for people in severe weather, and she participated in developing the Delores Project and the Father Ed Judy House, and

WHEREAS, Nan Morehead is a Colorado native, born and raised in Pueblo and educated at the University of Colorado at Boulder who always approached her work as relational and made many life-long friends, who always made time for her family, who unflinchingly navigated the unpredictable and sometimes shark-infested waters of politics and partisan bickering while maintaining perspective and humor, who served as the institutional memory for the Department of Human Services, and who always made the common good the cardinal value of her work.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Nancy "Nan" Morehead for her outstanding, dedicated, and conscientious work on behalf of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. 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 Nancy "Nan" Morehead.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2010

PRESIDENT