

Recognizing Saturday, August 3, 2013 as the First "Denver Day" Celebration

WHEREAS, the origins and rise of Denver, first as a humble mining camp which predated the establishment of the Colorado Territory, later as the territorial capital, then as the capital of the state, extolled as the Queen City of the Plains and ultimately became world-renowned as the Mile High City, are an integral part of the history and legacy of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the annual celebration of Colorado Day, it is appropriate for the citizens of Denver to recognize and celebrate its own origins, the history, and the legacy of the city and its people on a day to be known hereafter as "Denver Day"; and

WHEREAS, "Denver Day" was enacted by ordinance of City Council on July 15, 2013, to officially designate the first Saturday of August of each year as "Denver Day" to be commemorated through celebrations, block parties, and community service projects that would provide an opportunity to build a stronger city by connecting neighbors and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, "Denver Day" will build upon the Mile High City's civic infrastructure to help create safer, healthier, and more vibrant neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with "Denver Day" activities, the 30th National Night Out (NNO) is also coordinating its annual celebration during "Denver Day" week to encourage and educate the public about crime and drug prevention, generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships to stand together to fight back against crime; and

WHEREAS, "Denver Day" will be celebrated this year from August 3rd through August 11th, anyone wishing to organize or attend a neighborhood event to - Get Together, Work Together, or Serve Together - can visit www.denvergov.org/denverdays or call 720-865-9082 for more information.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council supports the designation of the first Saturday of August in each year to be known as "Denver Day", and that the observance of this day shall be held by the public in commemoration of the original founding and incorporation of the City and County of Denver to include celebrations and community service projects.

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 Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 29, 2013

PRESIDENT
