

Proclamation No. CP16-0701 Recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the Historic Elitch Theatre

WHEREAS, the Summer of 2016 marks the 125th year that the Historic Elitch Theatre has been an enduring attraction for the residents of Colorado and a destination for actors and visitors from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Elitch Theatre, originally surrounded by Mary Elitch's zoo and botanic gardens, anchored one of Colorado's first cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Elitch Theatre was built in 1891, when Colorado had been a state for only 15 years, and the theatre is now among the oldest buildings still standing in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Elitch Theatre, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, is among Colorado's most treasured national landmarks; and

WHEREAS, over its 125 years, the Historic Elitch Theatre hosted legends of the stage and screen, including Cecil B. DeMille, Grace Kelly, Douglas Fairbanks, Debbie Reynolds, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2002, a group of concerned citizens began the process of restoring the Historic Elitch Theatre and that effort continues today.

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver do hereby proclaim, forever after, the Summer of 2016, as the 125th Anniversary of the Historic Elitch Theatre Summer.

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 Historic Elitch Gardens Theatre Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 22, 2016

PRESIDENT