

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1439 Celebrating the Grand Opening of 16th Street

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1982, the historic 16th Street Mall opened as the vibrant spine of Downtown Denver, linking our city's commercial, cultural, and civic districts; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2025, the reopening of 16th Street marks a transformative milestone in Denver's urban renaissance, reflecting our city's unwavering commitment to reinvestment, innovation, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, this revitalized corridor will serve as an economic catalyst where all Denver neighborhoods converge, while also standing as a world-class destination that welcomes visitors, businesses, and investment from across Colorado and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the reimaged 16th Street embodies Denver's dedication to accessible, walkable public spaces that encourage sustainable transportation, celebrate our shared history, and foster meaningful community connections in the heart of District Ten; and

WHEREAS, this \$175 million reconstruction has addressed decades-old infrastructure challenges, including deteriorating pavers, drainage issues, and aging utilities, while creating modern amenity zones, expanded sidewalks, improved transit alignment, and a new street canopy of over 200 planted trees; and

WHEREAS, the corridor's rebranding from "16th Street Mall" to simply 16th Street symbolizes the city's ambition to evolve this historic spine into a dynamic, multifaceted urban place that balances commerce, culture, and community; and

WHEREAS, 16th Street continues to serve as Colorado's welcoming gateway—offering visitors their first glimpse of our region, while positioning Denver as a national leader in urban innovation, economic development, and quality of life.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes October 4th, 2025, as a day of celebration for the reopening of 16th Street, honoring the vision, investment, and collaboration that have revitalized this historic corridor, and recommitting ourselves to a future where Denver remains a city that is accessible, connected, and welcoming to all.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 29, 2025

PRESIDENT

