

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. 11-0617

In celebration of the Denver's inaugural ciclovía, Viva Streets, held on August 14 in Park Hill

WHEREAS, the Spanish word “ciclovía” means “bike parkway” in English, and the term and concept have been adopted recently by cities around the world to describe events in which for one day, a portion of a public street is closed to its usual vehicular traffic to allow full use of the street by bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Denver's first ciclovía, Viva Streets, opened the two-mile stretch of E. 23rd Avenue between City Park and Stapleton through the Park Hill neighborhood to bicyclists and pedestrians on Sunday afternoon, August 14; and

WHEREAS, although Denver has periodically closed streets through its parks for events, this was the City's first official ciclovía, organized by LiveWell Colorado, BikeDenver and the City of Denver; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 7,500 community members came out to play in the street that Sunday afternoon, demonstrating that the goals set for Viva Streets – to get people moving, to bring neighbors together, to strengthen Colorado's healthy, active culture – were met and they resonate with Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, the resounding success of Viva Streets is a testament to our City's bikeable and walkable neighborhoods, which encourage active transportation and healthy recreation.

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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes the success of Viva Streets, thanks LiveWell Colorado, BikeDenver and the City employees who helped make it possible, and encourages residents to participate in future ciclovía events in 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 LiveWell Colorado and BikeDenver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 22, 2011

_____ PRESIDENT