

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP11-0518**

**In Recognition of Clerk and Recorder Stephanie Y. O'Malley,  
for her Leadership and Service to the City and County of Denver**

**WHEREAS**, in January, 2007, Mayor John Hickenlooper appointed Stephanie Y. O'Malley as the interim Clerk and Recorder, and on July 16, 2007, Stephanie Y. O'Malley was sworn in as Denver's first elected Clerk and Recorder, and in that capacity immediately began reorganizing workgroups and workflows to reduce backlogs in foreclosures and recordings, and was successful at reducing the foreclosure processing time from weeks to days and instituted a 1-day turnaround for recordings; and

**WHEREAS**, upon being sworn in as Clerk and Recorder she also took on the challenge of restoring public confidence in Denver's elections by organizing the new Elections Division, bringing true transformation, transparency and voter confidence to the conduct of elections, with consultation from the City's many voting constituencies; and

**WHEREAS**, her commitment to protecting the voting rights of Denver's Spanish-speaking citizens has resulted in sound, sustainable procedural improvements honoring section 203 of the Voting Rights Act to outreach and increase voter access for underrepresented Spanish-speaking communities, by establishing the ACCESO Spanish Language Voter Advisory Board by ordinance, making it a national model; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephanie O'Malley instituted a number of major projects to modernize the Office of the Clerk and Recorder including: a multi-year project to digitize the City's records for future online access; a redesigned web-based foreclosure lookup; a redesigned, more informative website; the innovative and award-winning Ballot TRACE program allowing voters to track their ballots through the mail; an electronic voting pilot for overseas military; and an inventory of hundreds of thousands of long-forgotten city records revealing many City treasures; and

**WHEREAS**, as an independent elected official, she nevertheless showed she was a team player, keeping Council informed about election preparations throughout the pivotal year of 2008, and shouldering a fair share of belt-tightening to create budget savings for the city; and

**WHEREAS**, she was appointed Executive Director at the Department of Excise and Licenses, by Mayor John Hickenlooper in 2003, where she undertook several major initiatives including meeting with neighborhood groups and empowering them to become an effective part of the liquor licensing process, and forming the Liquor Licensing Task Force to bring all sides in the process to the same table to discuss the concerns of all and improve the process; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephanie O'Malley plunged into every task at both agencies with hard work, personal creativity and determination, a thoughtful approach to leadership and management that inspired excellence in her staff, and a cooperative spirit in interactions with other city agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, she expended tremendous personal energy and effort at the sacrifice of her family time, while maintaining a positive outlook, a jolly sense of humor, great style and a great wardrobe; and

**WHEREAS**, she walked everywhere in her vast collection of 5-inch-heel shoes, and was once clocked at 3 minutes from the Webb to the Capitol, in the snow, with everyone else trailing behind; and

**WHEREAS**, she was so polite and personable to everyone that after a personal talk in her office you thanked her and realized only later that you'd been dressed down; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephanie Y. O'Malley performed her duties as a professional who was truly committed to what she was doing, and who created a legacy of excellence and success for future Clerk and Recorders to follow; and

**WHEREAS**, to quote Dr. Seuss in "*Oh, The Places You'll Go!*"

Oh! The Places You'll Go!  
You'll be on your way up!  
You'll be seeing great sights!  
You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights!

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

**Section 1.** That the Council proclaims that the moment immediately following the reading of this proclamation be hereby and forevermore be referred to as the Stephanie Y. O'Malley moment, and that during this moment, all negative memories of intense public vote counting for a person, persons, proposition or propositions be banished into the sea of forgetfulness never to be remembered even though it may take the form of a regularly recurring nightmare haunted by the ghosts of 4, 7, 9 and Fox News, Ballot TRACE, and the United States Postal Service; and it is so acknowledged that this may be fully and finally exorcised by the love and admiration in the hearts of those who worked with and for the aforementioned honoree, Clerk O'Malley.

**Section 2.** That, you, 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 Stephanie O'Malley.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT