

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP11-0905**

**Commending Carolyn Bluhm for being selected as the 2011  
Community Preparedness Hero by the Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) honors individuals for making our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to manage emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA selected this year's winners from applicants among 36 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which included submissions from faith-based, tribal, non-profit, private sector, community-based organizations, and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn Bluhm has worked for the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for six years providing community preparedness trainings to Denver's diverse populations and many times she volunteers her own time to provide technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bluhm's efforts include assistance to a local church where she created a Spanish community emergency response team (CERT), she established CERT and emergency operations teams in Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, and Somali, and she trained CERT trainers in these bilingual communities to conduct more trainings on their own; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bluhm is known to put her heart and soul into the community preparedness programs because of her dedication to the well-being and security of all neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bluhm received her award at a community preparedness roundtable event in Washington, D.C. for her outstanding efforts.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

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

**Section 1.** That Denver City Council congratulates Carolyn Bluhm on receiving the award of the 2011 Community Preparedness Hero for her outstanding work and achievements in making Denver a safer place to live.

**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 Carolyn Bluhm, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 5, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT