

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 12-0487

Commemorating Justice for Janitors Week June 25th through July 2nd in Denver

Introduced by Councilman Paul D. López

WHEREAS, thousands of Denver Metro Area janitors work by cleaning 80 story office buildings, business parks, colleges and universities, high-tech campuses, and public buildings like our own Denver International Airport, and the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 the now internationally organized Justice for Janitors Campaign began here in downtown Denver, Colorado, as part of the Service Employees International Union Local 105; and

WHEREAS, for two decades, the Justice for Janitors movement in partnership with their employers have helped low-wage workers who clean buildings in cities and suburbs across metro Denver, work hard to lift themselves out of poverty, and almost everywhere, have secured affordable family health care, dignified wages, full time work, safer working conditions, and creating efficient workplace and industry standards that have helped transform a once troubled industry; and

WHEREAS, the progress of these janitors, through their campaigns have benefited our entire city, state, and country by reducing public healthcare costs and enabling a steady income that is re-invested in our local housing market, schools, and local businesses, and help to strengthen our local economy.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the City & County of Denver, Colorado joins custodial workers across the metro area in recognizing June 25 to July 2, 2012 as Justice for Janitors Week.

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby thanks the janitors for their work in keeping our own public buildings beautiful and comfortable for the public, visitors, and city employees.

Section 3. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver attest and affix the Seal of the City and County of Denver, and that a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to the Service Employees International Union Local 105.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 18, 2012

PRESIDENT