

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. 13-0296

In support of Senate Bill 13-251, "Colorado Road and Community Safety Act"

WHEREAS, Denver's City Council believes that all residents should feel safe driving on our roads; and

WHEREAS, prior to 1999, all eligible Colorado drivers were able to obtain a driver's license but since a Colorado law change, it has been much more difficult for non-citizens to obtain a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, many non-citizens move to Colorado to improve their lives, raise families and contribute to our shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS, SB13-251 would reinstate a non-citizen Coloradan the ability to obtain a Colorado driver's license, temporary driver's license or Colorado identification card; and

WHEREAS, SB13-251 would allow non-citizen Coloradans to obtain a modified Colorado driver's license or Colorado identification card after certifying they have paid Colorado incomes taxes, can prove their identity with an official government identification, pass the driver safety test, and pay an additional fee; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that non-citizen Coloradans are able to present identification to allow law enforcement officers to check their identity and other records of people they contact, will make our communities safer; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will save public resources currently spent in court and other costs associated with unlicensed drivers; and

WHEREAS, how the proposal is currently written, it aligns closely with the principles outlined in the federal comprehensive immigration reform package by encouraging non-citizen Coloradans to make themselves known to the government, demonstrate their taxpayer history, and be responsible drivers on our roads.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver calls upon the Colorado General Assembly to pass SB13-251, the "Colorado Road and Community Safety Act."

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 copies be transmitted to the Honorable State Senator Jessie Ulibarri; the Honorable State Representative Dominick Moreno; The honorable State Representative Joseph Salazar; the Honorable State Representative Mark Ferrandino, Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives; the Honorable State Senator John P. Morse, President of the Colorado Senate; and the Honorable John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 6, 2013

PRESIDENT