

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 12-0096**

**Honoring the life of a long-time friend and political activist for Denver,  
Senator Paul Sandoval**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Paul Sandoval was born June 29, 1944, in Denver to Jerry and Camilla Sandoval, the ninth of 11 children, raised in northeast Denver, graduated from Annunciation High School, studied Russian at Louisiana State University and later earned his degree in International Affairs at the University of Colorado, Paul was surrounded by politics since his youth; and

**WHEREAS**, at an early age before he could speak fluent English, Paul was becoming an entrepreneur selling papers for the Denver Post, preparing him to eventually open his first tamale shop in northwest Denver and later reopening the successful restaurant Tamales by La Casita, and when Paul was asked for his occupation he would simply say, "I'm a tamale maker", but, he has become so much more than that to the people of Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul was successfully elected to the Senate in 1974 and 1978, becoming the first Hispanic and only the second freshman to serve on the Joint Budget Committee, he also served one term on the Denver School Board in 1983; and, Paul believes that a handshake seals a deal and that you are only as good as your word; this attitude made him a popular elected official and capable of getting deals done;

**WHEREAS**, Paul believes that politics are about the person, not the party, which was evidenced by his political prowess in getting Denver Mayors Batterton, Peña, Webb, and Hancock; State Attorney General Ken Salazar, University of Colorado President Bruce Benson, 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative Bob Beauprez, elected to their respective positions, and more importantly, his support of his wife, Paula E. Sandoval, helping her to get elected for two terms as a state Senator and one term as City Council District #1 Representative; and

**WHEREAS**, being outspoken yet diplomatically charismatic, Paul lives his values working passionately on issues such as civil rights, bilingual education, increasing voter registration, successfully pushing for the Martin Luther King Jr. state holiday, and "holding court" to put an end to discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver Post described Paul Sandoval as the "Godfather" of Denver; his influence, his fighting spirit, his love for his family and community will always be remembered in Denver's history.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

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

**Section 1.** That Denver City Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Senator Paul Sandoval for his lifelong dedication and tireless efforts to improve the lives of the many people who call the City and County of Denver home.

**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 Paul Sandoval.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 6, 2012

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PRESIDENT