

Proclamation No. 22-0306 Recognizing the 46th Annual Denver March Pow Wow

WHEREAS, Denver is the home of as many as eighty American Indian Tribes represented by residents of the Denver area; and

WHEREAS, the 46th Annual Denver March Pow Wow will be held Friday March 18 through Sunday March 20, 2022, at the Denver Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, activities at the Pow Wow will include traditional tribal storytelling; dancing and drumming; the opportunity to purchase authentic Native American arts and crafts; and foods including delicious Indian fry bread by Tocabe; and

WHEREAS, annual events include the introduction of the Pow Wow Royalty; the Grand Entry processional; the beginning of the song "A Living Hoop"; and coronation of the Denver March Pow Wow Princess; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and appreciates the Board of Directors and Staff for their dedication and commitment to the annual powwow for 150+ years of combined service, the Council thanks Ken LaDeaux, President; Virginia Irving, Vice President; Diane M. Buck, Secretary/Treasurer; Nancy Rouillard, Member; Kelli Baca, Member; Virginia Quintana, Emeritus Member; Grace B. Gillette, Executive Director; and Larissa E. No Braid, Powwow Coordinator for their commitment to sharing and maintaining their tribal traditions;

WHEREAS, the annual Pow Wow is an important annual event for the region's Indian people, making a powerful contribution to passing their cultural heritage from one generation to the next; maintaining pride in their heritage; and promoting cultural awareness of the Native American peoples for the general public.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby designates the days of March 18, 19, and 20 of 2022, as Denver Native American Cultural Days in honor of the many Native Americans who make their home in the Denver region.

Section 2. That the Council recognizes the occasion of 46th Annual Denver March Pow Wow and commends members of the Pow Wow Committee for their efforts to make the event a cultural and educational success for the Denver community.

Section 3. 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 the Denver March Pow Wow Committee President Ken LaDeaux.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 14, 2022

| PRESIDENT |
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