

Proclamation No. 18-0254 Congratulating the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on the Occasion of the 56th Annual Parade on March 17, 2018

WHEREAS, Denver has one of the largest cultural parades in the United States and the largest St. Patrick's Day parade west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Tribute to Irish Heritage" honors the 56th anniversary of the parade; and

WHEREAS, the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade exemplifies a peaceful celebration along with a community of diverse citizens who gather together with a glance at the Celtic past and a look to the future while enjoying Irish cultural fanfare, pipe and drum bands, Irish step dancing, and honoring all divisions of our military to the delight of over 300,000 spectators; and

WHEREAS, congratulations and thanks to all volunteers of the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, including many who have passed on but are still remembered, for their endless hours and never-ending commitment which makes this celebration possible; and

WHEREAS, we hope the Colorado sun and the Mile High air lifts the spirits of all who march or attend the 56th annual parade, Saturday, March 17, 2018, and we hope for a warm wind at our backs as we celebrate the Irish culture in the great state of Colorado.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby congratulates the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, a volunteer organization, on a well-organized, peaceful and spirited gathering at the 56th annual event.

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 the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee President Theresa Melaragno.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 12, 2018

_____PRESIDENT