

Proclamation No. 18-0303 Proclaiming our Solidarity with March for Our Lives Efforts and with the Survivors of Gun Violence at Home and across the Nation

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of the 14th of February 2018, a mass shooting occurred at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and 17 teachers and students lost the opportunity to ever laugh, live, love again; and

WHEREAS, the victims of Stoneman Douglas High School were the most recent, among the 496 victims of mass shootings in the past 10 years and with Parkland being the most recent school shooting; and

WHEREAS, here in Colorado, we intimately understand the painful and devastating impact of mass shootings and gun violence in our communities; and

WHEREAS, on March 14th, school communities across this country, including tens of thousands of students here in Denver and throughout Colorado, walked out of classrooms to send one message -"enough"; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to see students leading decisively in this country to protect themselves and their educators, as well as to honor the voices of our students and school communities. The collective strength of their voices will prevail, in the streets and at the voting booth, demanding that all lives are defended; and

WHEREAS, 738 communities around the globe, including the Mile High City of Denver, will host March for Our Lives events in Civic Center Park, Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. to advocate that student and educator lives and safety become a priority, and that we end gun violence in our schools and communities.

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 stands in solidarity with the survivors of Stoneman Douglas in Florida, the survivors of gun violence here in our own communities, and with all students who are demonstrating tremendous courage to seek and enact change throughout the country.

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 of this proclamation be transmitted to representatives for March for Our Lives Denver, and to the students and faculty of Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 19, 2018

PRESIDENT