

Proclamation No. 18-0358

Recognizing Carolyn Bluhm for her service in emergency management coordination for the City and County of Denver

WHEREAS, Carolyn H Bluhm (Carolyn), Emergency Management Coordinator for Denver's Office of Emergency Response and Homeland Security, is retiring after over 11 years of service to the city and 30 years in emergency management; and

WHEREAS, for over 11 years Carolyn developed and coordinated what is now called the "Denver Ready" program for emergency, disaster, outreach and preparedness training; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has engaged with several Denver commissions and agencies including the Commission for People with Disabilities and the Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn conducted over 450 educational seminars, interviews and presentations to help people in Denver and across the country to plan, prepare for and respond to emergency events; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn and her team of instructors at Denver Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) taught basic emergency preparedness skills to over 6,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn represented the City and County of Denver at local, state and national conferences to share the success of Denver's emergency preparedness programs; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn received her Master Continuity Practitioner Certification and National Americans with Disability Act Coordinator Certification; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn received numerous honors including "Employee of the Year" by the Denver Commission for People with Disabilities, "Community Preparedness Hero" from FEMA and "Champion of Change" from President Barack Obama.

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 commends Carolyn H Bluhm and thanks her for years of extraordinary service to Denver making citizens safer through emergency preparedness and community outreach.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Carolyn H Bluhm.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 9, 2018

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM