

Proclamation No. 18-0753 Promoting Healthier Foods and Beverages

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is committed to supporting the health and well-being of the people we serve and the people who work for the city; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial research indicating that the environments where we live, learn, work and play shape our ability to consume healthy food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is committed to preventing and reducing childhood obesity through health promoting policies and environmental changes to ensure access to healthier food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Denver –PHD Youth Team's vision is that, "The Denver Community is culturally aware, upholds social justice standards, thrives with healthy choices and environments, and is a positive place for young people to be", and raises awareness among youth to ensure they have the education and access to make healthy food and beverages choices; and

WHEREAS, sugary drinks, in particular, are harmful to children's health and a leading contributor to obesity and other conditions such as tooth decay and type II diabetes; and

WHEREAS, a healthier food and beverage vending and concessions environment supports a culture of health for employees, clients, students, and guests; and

WHEREAS, by establishing and implementing nutrition standards for healthier food and beverages options on city property, the City and County of Denver can set an example for other businesses and institutions on how to improve nutritional options for their employees and clients.

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

Section 1. The Council hereby commends the efforts of the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment and the Public Health Denver – PHD Youth Team for their work on Executive Order 70 and ensuring that Denver employees, clients, students, and guests have access to healthier vending options when in City Facilities.

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 Public Health Youth Coalition.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 9, 2018

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