

Proclamation No. CP16-0350 Recognizing the 2016 NCAA Spring Sports Festival May 16-21 at Metropolitan State University

WHEREAS, Metropolitan State University Denver (MSU) will host the 2016 NCAAII Spring Sports Festival May 16-21; and

WHEREAS, the Division II National Championships Festival will feature national championships in men's and women's tennis, softball, and golf; and, women's lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, the Division II National Championship festivals are the only place in the NCAA where six champions will be crowned in a single event, in one city, in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the Festival provides an unparalleled opportunity to celebrate the achievements of more than 1,100 DII student-athletes, their families, friends, and supporters to the city of Denver during this high energy week; and

WHEREAS, the opening ceremony will occur at Mile High Stadium and the closing ceremony will occur at Skyview Park; and

WHEREAS, the competing athletes will also participate in community engagement projects with K-12 and non-profit partners which are a vital cornerstone of the festival; and

WHEREAS, MSU Denver was selected as the host of this weeklong festival because of its awardwinning Regency Athletics Complex. MSU Denver took a blighted neighborhood and turned it into a modern, community-focused complex that is one of the best in Division II athletics.

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

Section 1. That the Council enthusiastically supports the 2016 NCAA Spring Sports Festival at Metropolitan State University Denver to be held May 16-21.

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 Metropolitan State University Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 9, 2016

PRESIDENT