

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 62, Series of 2008

In support of the National League of Cities'
Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities

WHEREAS, Denver is committed to inclusion for all individuals from diverse populations as a fundamental aspect of our community, and cities and towns are the best place to make inclusiveness an everyday priority; and

WHEREAS, the actions of inclusiveness takes on many forms, but primarily begins with individuals who are willing to acknowledge personal biases and who are willing to seek more understanding about those real and/or perceived differences between communities in an effort to garner a climate of mutual respect of those differences and to promote equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) has designed a Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities to support cities and towns in their commitment to inclusion to promote equal opportunity and fairness, 193 cities and towns in 40 states have joined the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Partnership include: raising awareness and focusing attention on the importance and value of inclusive communities; motivating cities and towns to make public comment in support of building inclusive communities; providing local support for efforts around affordable and accessible housing, race and ethnicity, equal citizen participation in community decision-making; sharing valuable insights, experiences, and lessons learned; and recognizing, publicizing, and celebrating the work of cities and towns that join in the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights and Community Relations agency of the City supports inclusive measures through eight diverse commissions that advance initiatives to promote equal opportunity and protects the rights of all people regardless of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability; and

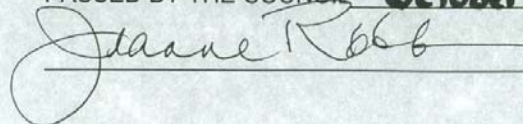
WHEREAS, local elected officials can and should lead the way forward in making inclusiveness a priority in America's cities and towns, it is important for the City and County of Denver leadership to show support by example by promoting and establishing inclusive practices as one of their primary sustainable goals; and

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby reaffirms our commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community and workplace, and pledges to actively work toward achieving goals as promoted by the NLC Partnership and urges all citizens of Denver to join together in support to embrace the power of inclusiveness.

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 National League of Cities.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 13 2008

 PRESIDENT