

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23, Series of 2009

Recognizing the Highlands Mommies

WHEREAS, the Highlands neighborhood, centered around W. 32nd Avenue and Lowell Street in the heart of historic Northwest Denver, is experiencing a baby boom, which means the neighborhood has many new, young moms coping with a multitude of big changes and challenges; and

WHEREAS, Highlands Mommies is an on-line community designed to connect young families with children up to school age and to share information on resources in the neighborhood, and its potential members generally discover it while scanning the Internet for parenting advice; and

WHEREAS, Highlands Mommies has grown from about 30 moms in 2003 to over 1300 with activities such as its annual May picnic, and it is one of many similar on-line communities for new moms around Denver; and;

WHEREAS, not only does this club provide much-needed support and connections, members provide referrals for plumbers, painters and other contractors, and they have organized many subgroups based on their children's ages and on the moms' particular interests, which has produced the Crafty Moms, the Outdoorsy Moms, Moms of Multiples, and Two-Mom and Two-Dad Families; and

WHEREAS, Highlands Mommies recently helped lead to the arrest of suspects by emailing each other about break-ins and suspicious activity in the neighborhood, proving once again that the concept of talking to neighbors and sharing information can be effective; and

WHEREAS, the group is also beginning to make a difference in the Denver Public Schools in Highlands and surrounding neighborhoods by enrolling their children and encouraging parental involvement in the schools.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes the Highlands Mommies, encourages its involvement in the schools, the neighborhood, and the broader Denver community.

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 Chrissy Davenport of Highlands Mommies.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2009

PRESIDENT