



PROCLAMATION

In Support of the City and County of Denver's
Regional Tourism Act Application
for the National Western Center Project

WHEREAS, in January of 2015, the National Western Stock Show will celebrate 109 years of hosting Colorado's most important agricultural convention, tourism and western heritage event at the National Western Complex; and

WHEREAS, agricultural enthusiasts, cowboys, cowgirls, farmers and ranchers from around the globe gather at the National Western Complex to share stories, conduct business and honor the spirit of the American West, representing an agricultural sector that generates nearly \$42 billion for Colorado and is responsible for tens of thousands of jobs, and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has partnered with the Western Stock Show Association, Colorado State University, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and History Colorado in a joint effort to re-invent the National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum sites under one coordinated vision as part of retaining and increasing tourism and convention opportunities for the Metropolitan Denver Area and the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the National Western Center represents a visionary transformation of the National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum into a must-see tourist destination and regional asset that will enhance these historic landmarks through creative year-round activity; and

WHEREAS; with a combined 130 acres of initial land for redevelopment, the National Western Center will support Colorado's global standing as a world-class hub for the Western way of life by celebrating the pioneering spirit and promise of the West through year-round experiential lifelong learning, the arts, entertainment, competition, commerce and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the economic effects of redeveloping the National Western site will extend well beyond the boundaries of the City and County of Denver to benefit the many surrounding metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Regional Tourism Act, Part 3 of Article 46, Title 24, C.R.S. (the "RTA"), authorizes the City and County of Denver to submit an application to the Colorado Economic Development Commission for a Regional Tourism Project, as defined in the RTA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bonnie McNulty, Mayor of the City of Edgewater, Jefferson County, State of Colorado, stand in joint support of the City and County of Denver's application for Regional Tourism Act funding for the National Western Center Project as a testament to the significant benefit, both economic and cultural, this project will bring to both our own community and the State of Colorado.

Signed this 15th day of January, 2015.


Bonnie McNulty, Mayor