



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *today, in America, racial divisiveness is once again rising in our urban, rural, suburban and tribal communities, and threatening the very core of this great country's proud moral compass; and*

WHEREAS, *it is our duty to protect all our children and maintain communities in which all individuals are provided the opportunity to succeed; where everyone works to create a path to healing the wounds created by racial ethnic, and religious bias; and where building an equitable and just society where all children can thrive is paramount; and*

WHEREAS, *everyone has the capability to make simple changes within himself or herself that can bring about change and collectively make a profound impact on our entire society; and*

WHEREAS, *racial healing requires society to dedicate its efforts to the principles of truth, equality, reconciliation and transformation to bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel the country forward and create an environment of dignity, safety and optimism for all; and*

WHEREAS, *all children should be afforded the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive in a nurturing environment that is committed to their education, social acceptance and expectation for greatness; and*

WHEREAS, *the City and County of Denver joins the nation in urging our residents to do their part to make a positive change towards racial healing and transformation, in ways that are best suited for them individually, to ensure the best quality of life for our children and for the generations to come.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL B. HANCOCK, MAYOR of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim **JANUARY 16, 2018**, to be known as:

"NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this 16th day of January, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Hancock", is written over a horizontal line.

**MICHAEL B. HANCOCK
MAYOR**

