

City and County of Denver



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *The Denver Area has long been a cross-roads for American Indian people with a large, active American Indian population; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pow-wows are a multi-cultural expression of American Indian community; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Spring Bear Pow-wow has been an important part of the Denver American Indian Community for 17 years, is nationally promoted, and is free and open to the public; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Spring Bear Pow-wow is an opportunity for local American Indian artists and craftspeople to display and sell their goods; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Spring Bear Pow-wow offers fund-raising opportunities for other non-profit groups; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Spring Bear Pow-wow is sponsored by The Raven Dancers, an all-volunteer, not-for-profit youth group that promotes cross-cultural awareness and inclusiveness, and brings people together to share the rich and wonderful heritage of Native American culture; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Raven Dancers was founded 25 years ago by Bear Limvere, and other like-minded individuals, to teach traditional dance, music and regalia-making skills; to provide a safe and fun program to youth of all ages and backgrounds to nurture within those youth a spirit of self-worth and self-expression, and a deeper understanding of the American Indian culture; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Ribbon Shirt has been a traditional expression of American Indian cultural identity since the 1950's.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN W. HICKENLOOPER, MAYOR of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim May 15, 2010 to be known as:

“RIBBON SHIRT 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 fifteenth day of May, 2010.


MAYOR

