

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 32, Series of 2009

Recognizing the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Civic League's All American City Award and the establishment of the NCL Emerging Leaders Award honoring Denver's own beloved civic activist, John Parr

**WHEREAS**, the National Civic League (NCL)—the nation's oldest good government organization--was founded in 1894 to improve the effectiveness of local government and fight corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, NCL developed the first model City Charter which continues to be updated and utilized by cities across the nation--including Denver--as they modernize their Charters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civic League established the All American City Award in 1949 to recognize cities where citizen action has made communities a better place to live and which award has been described by George Gallup as the "Nobel prize for constructive citizenship"; and

**WHEREAS**, over 500 communities that have been awarded All American City status throughout the years have been honored this year at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual All-American City Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Civic League recently created a new designation---the Emerging Leaders Award- - to honor the memory of former NCL President John Parr by recognizing young people that are civically engaged and making a difference in their communities.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby congratulates the National Civic League for its leadership in recognizing and honoring John Parr's legacy through the Emerging Leaders Award and for promoting citizen engagement in civic life through its All American Cities Award.

**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 of be transmitted to the National Civic league.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2009

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PRESIDENT