

## Resolution on Family Weekends in City Park

*WHEREAS:* Parks allow people a chance to get away (even briefly) from the stress and noise of the city and also provide places for exercise and movement. Studies have shown the importance of access to nature and play for people's health and well-being.

and Whereas: All Denver citizens deserve access to a park for such activities as walking, running, biking, playing, picnicing, and, yes, just sitting in a green place.

and Whereas: The founding pioneers of the city of Denver, envisioning the need for green, open spaces to offset urban growth, purchased 320 acres of land out in the country east of the city center for parkland that became City Park in 1882.

and Whereas: City Park is the only park readily accessible to our neighborhood, and furthermore, to this part of the city.

and Whereas: Increasingly throughout Denver, Parks are being used as venues for permitted events. While such events provide entertainment to the attendees and other benefits to the promoters, they also produce noise and crowds, they take up space, and they change the character of the park space while they are taking place.

and Whereas: Past Denver administrations have given the neighborhood citizens the assurance that City Park neighbors would have at least ***two weekend days per month*** during the summer ***when there would be no day-time events in the park*** and residents could expect to find a passive park.

and Whereas: Establishing a standard weekend (first, second, third, or last) during warm weather months will enable citizens to know when City Park will be available to them and will help Denver Parks and Recreation reliably know on which days permits will not be granted.

**It is therefore RESOLVED:** that the <Registered Neighborhood Organization> respectfully asks the Denver Administration to direct Denver Parks and Recreation to establish two event-free days in City Park during the same weekend (e.g. first full weekend) of each fair weather month (May, June, July, August and September) to give neighbors and visitors unencumbered use of the park on a reliable, well-known schedule.