Proclamation

PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50th ANNIVERSARY October 7th - 13th, 2018

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Community College is the largest, most diverse, public higher-education institution in the Pikes Peak region, serving nearly 20,000 students annually; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people have taken classes at PPCC since its founding as El Paso Community College in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Community College offers quality college transfer, career, technical, and lifelong-learning educational opportunities; associate degrees, certificate programs, and now its first bachelor's degree; as well as concurrent enrollment options for high school students; and

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Community College contributes over \$300 million in added income to the region, equal to about 1% of the GRP; and

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Community College classrooms serve more active military and veterans than any other college in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, For every \$1 spent on education, PPCC students achieve \$3.60 in future earnings, and for every \$1 of public money spent on PPCC, taxpayers receive a return of \$8.30; and

whereas, the faculty and staff of Pikes Peak Community College value teaching and learning, mutual respect, and diversity; practice and teach service to the community; and are committed to the vision that "Students Succeed at PPCC."

NOW, THEREFORE, We Mayor John Suthers, of Colorado Springs; President Richard Skorman, Colorado Springs City Council; by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby officially proclaim the week of October $7^{th} - 13^{th}$ as:

Pikes Peak Community College's 50th Anniversary Celebration

in the City of Colorado Springs and encourage citizens to join us in recognizing the many contributions of Pikes Peak Community College to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 9th day of October 2018.

John W. Suthers, Mayor City of Colorado Springs

Richard Skorman, President City Council