

MARY LOUISE CHAVERS DAY
Tuesday, December 15, 2015

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Chavers, is a human of the highest integrity who came to Boulder over 18 years ago, and before passing away on December 3, 2015, contributed much of her time and energy to critical issues surrounding toxins in the environment; and

WHEREAS, Mary spoke out for many in our community, looking out for the civil, human, and disability rights of those who need protection from harmful and life-threatening chemicals; and

WHEREAS, Mary, who suffered acutely from chemical sensitivity afflictions, worked tirelessly on behalf of all to eradicate pesticides, herbicides and other toxic substances from our environment and forced us all to go deeper into the health and safety consequences of our constant chemical exposure; and

WHEREAS, Mary's love for the Boulder community touched countless lives and led to major improvement and progress for residents, particularly those living in public housing, and those residents who have serious and severe disabilities, such as chemical sensitivities; and

WHEREAS, Mary always greeted others in the light of our shared humanity and in the light of our shared concern for community; especially our most vulnerable residents, those living in subsidized section 8 housing; and

WHEREAS, Mary's on-going efforts led to the City's prioritization of pollution prevention and the establishment of a strong Integrated Pest Management policy framework; and

WHEREAS, Mary's sense of purpose, courage and genuine caring has made a lasting impression in our lives. We have lost a true canary in our environment and, for that, we take on the public responsibility to persistently strive to eradicate toxins and reduce risk to public and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, Mary will always remind us to have a profound love and respect for the land and all life that embodies it, to see ourselves as collective stewards of this Earth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, that Tuesday, December 15, 2015 is

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in the City of Boulder, and urge all members of our community to recognize this special occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.


Suzanne Jones, Mayor

