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## **Canada Geese Protection Colorado Citizen Activist Group Announces 5000+ Signatures On Petition Calling for Denver Goose Cull To Be Stopped & For Scott Gilmore To Be Fired**

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**Petition to be presented to Mayor Hancock's office on August 13, 2019, at 1 pm**

*August 12, 2019, DENVER, Colo.* – Canada Geese Protection Colorado, a grassroots activist group, today announced that its petition demanding an end to extermination of geese in Denver parks and the firing of Denver Parks & Rec Deputy Manager Scott Gilmore has been completed, with more than 5,000 signatures gathered over a period of just 6 weeks.

The petition will be presented to Denver Mayor Michael Hancock on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 1 pm, at the City & County Building, by members of Canada Geese Protection Colorado.

The petition calling for Denver to cease killing geese in Denver Parks and to fire Denver Parks & Rec Chief Scott Gilmore has garnered 5,742 signatures. The petition was started July 2, 2019 and was completed on August 12, 2019.

“Denver city officials justified the killing of the geese by citing a petition from residents who wanted geese exterminated because of goose waste,” said Carole Woodall, Canada Geese Protection Colorado spokeswoman. “Given that we’ve gathered close to 6,000 signatures in just six weeks from people who oppose the slaughter of Denver geese, the city of Denver should honor the wishes of its citizens by cancelling the USDA Wildlife Services contract and adopting humane, non-lethal goose management in Denver parks.”

“We recognize people’s concerns about goose waste in Denver Parks,” added Dr. Woodall. “But there are other practical ways to deal with goose waste in Denver Parks, including “tow-and-collect” machines being used in parks nationwide as well as at the Boulder Reservoir; competent reproductive control; and relocation. Extermination of entire populations of geese is cruel, wasteful, and unnecessary.”

### **About Canada Geese Protection Denver**

Canada Geese Protection Denver is a grassroots organization, which was formed by local residents outraged by the slaughter of geese in Denver’s parks.

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