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Gov, Mayor Proclaim 'Orange Friday'

Broncomaniacs: Go ahead and show your colors!



AFC Championship

Pittsburg Steelers at Denver Broncos

Sunday, Jan. 22, 1 p.m., INVESCO Field

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JANUARY 19, 2006 -- Colorado Governor Bill Owens and Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper have proclaimed Friday, January 20 as "Orange Friday." Broncos fans throughout the state are encouraged to wear orange on Friday in support of the Denver Broncos in Sunday's AFC Championship Game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Broncos (13-3) will host the Steelers (11-5) in the AFC Championship Game on Sunday, January 22 at INVESCO Field at Mile High. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. MST. The Broncos are on an 11-game home winning streak, and out of four home AFC Championship games in the team's history, they have never lost.

The winning team will advance to Super Bowl XL in Detroit on February 5 to face the victor of the NFC Championship Game, which also takes place on Sunday. The Carolina Panthers will face the Seattle Seahawks at 3:30 p.m. PST.

In a previous postseason match, the Broncos beat the Steelers 24-21 in the 1997 AFC Championship Game and moved on to become Super Bowl XXXII champions. If the Broncos repeat such a victory, it will be the team's seventh Super Bowl appearance.

REPRINTED FULL TEXT OF THE ORANGE FRIDAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Denver Broncos systematically destroyed the defending Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots in the divisional round of the NFL playoffs, 27-13; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Broncos are 9-0 in the formidable confines of Invesco Field at Mile High, where 76,238 avid fans drowned the Patriots' quest for a third straight title in a sea of orange and blue; and

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WHEREAS, now poised to inflict a similar defeat upon the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Denver Broncos are one win away from a Super Bowl date in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Broncos host the AFC Championship Game in the Mile High City for the first time since 1999; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado encourages all Broncomaniacs to wear orange this Friday in support of the Denver Broncos as they welcome the Pittsburgh Steelers to 5,280 feet above sea level, and take the next step on the road to Super Bowl XL;

Now Therefore, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2006,

ORANGE FRIDAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this nineteenth day of January, 2006.

Bill Owens Governor

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