

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 13-0460

Renewing Our 38-Year International Relationship with Denver Sister City - Nairobi, Kenya

WHEREAS, Nairobi, which comes from the Maasai phrase Enkare Nyirobi, which means “*the place of cool waters*”, is the capital of Kenya and serves as the center of commerce for all of East Africa and at times is referred to as the “*Jewel of Africa*” and is very similar to Denver in that it is cushioned near beautiful mountain peaks and sits one mile above sea-level; and

WHEREAS, a Sister City relationship is formed when two cities from different nations join together to develop a friendship, exchange ideas in order to promote mutual respect, understanding, encourage educational opportunities and economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1975, the Denver-Nairobi Sister Cities relationship was created and the occasion was celebrated with folk art and dances, crafts and other products from Nairobi, Kenya and in 1976, Denver renamed the park “*City of Nairobi Park*” located at East 36th Avenue and Cook Street in honor of the Sister City relationship, and Denver, Nairobi and Kunming recently entered into a tri-lateral relationship through the Sino-African Initiative; and

WHEREAS, in the 38-year Sister City friendship, the Denver-Nairobi Committee has been involved in numerous economic, humanitarian and cultural projects and has been the recipient of many prestigious awards and the friendship has provided for many school youth exchange programs, books, sporting equipment, showcasing works of art by Nairobi artists and medical supplies; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative relationship between Nairobi and Denver represents a renewed commitment to investing in emerging markets and building a global Denver and is a symbol for the return on the investment of connecting diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 14th, a community celebration will be held at the City of Nairobi Park to re-open the park, welcome the community and to re-new the longstanding partnership Denver has with its Sister City of Nairobi, Kenya.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council welcomes the distinguished delegates from our Nairobi Sister City to Denver and looks forward to fostering stronger economic ties and cultural exchanges.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Nairobi Delegation and to Derek Okubo, Human Rights & Community Partnerships.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 15, 2013

PRESIDENT