

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 19-0421

### Honoring the 300th Month Anniversary of Nippon Kan's Tradition of Serving Meals to Those in Need in the Denver Community

**WHEREAS**, Nippon Kan Cultural Center and Domo Restaurant are celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> month of meals funded, prepared and served to those in need in the Denver community on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary; and

**WHEREAS**, the meal service, initiated in 1991 and led by Gaku Homma, Founder of AHAN Nippon Kan, now totals over 88,000 meals served; and

**WHEREAS**, the meal service, along with biannually assisting Denver Parks & Recreation with maintenance and beautification of parks, inspired Gaku Homma to extend his concept of the principles of Aikido and community outreach to an international level with the founding in 2001 of the Aikido Humanitarian Active Network (AHAN); and

**WHEREAS**, AHAN has funded and successfully launched thirteen independently operating Learning Centers for children in Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Nepal; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past ten years, AHAN Nippon Kan and Domo Restaurant have been able to donate over 350 tons of rice, and educational and medical support to children internationally on a monthly basis; and

**WHEREAS**, this milestone epitomizes what can be achieved through AHAN Nippon Kan's guiding principle of "Motion & Sweat" and a spirit of volunteerism in working for the benefit of others in the community.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby recognizes and commends Gaku Homma and his students for enthusiastically giving back to the community.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Gaku Homma.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 22, 2019

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