

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP15-0691

Recognizing and Celebrating the 55th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Denver and Takayama, Japan; the 40th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Denver and Nairobi, Kenya; and the 20th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Denver and Axum, Ethiopia

WHEREAS, Denver, Colorado and Takayama, Gifu Prefecture, Japan established a Sister City relationship on June 29th, 1960 for the mutual benefit of each city; and

WHEREAS, Denver, Colorado and Nairobi, Kenya established a Sister City relationship on March 2nd, 1975 for the mutual benefit of each city; and

WHEREAS, Denver, Colorado and Axum, Ethiopia established a Sister City relationship on January 25th, 1995 for the mutual benefit of each city; and

WHEREAS, these Sister City relationships between Denver and Takayama, Nairobi, and Axum have expanded the cultural vibrancy of these cities through local and global programming; and

WHEREAS, Denver, Takayama, Nairobi, and Axum have hosted adult and student educational and tourism exchanges in both directions, expanding the knowledge of each other's cultures; and

WHEREAS, the medical communities of these cities have benefitted from advanced educational exchanges, hospital support, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, these Sister City relationships have directly catalyzed important business development for Denver and its Sister Cities, including a nonstop flight and expansion of trade; and

WHEREAS, the municipal governments of these cities have been enriched and strengthened through exchange and idea sharing; and

WHEREAS, these Sister City relationship offer an important cultural connection for the Japanese, Kenyan, and Ethiopian diaspora communities in the Denver region; and

WHEREAS, the friendship that exists between Denver and its Sister Cities grows stronger each year and is valued deeply.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council heartily recognizes and celebrates the 55th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Denver, Colorado and Takayama, Japan; the 40th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Denver, Colorado and Nairobi, Kenya; and the 20th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Denver, Colorado and Axum, Ethiopia.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and fix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy hereof be transmitted to Denver Sister Cities International.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 28, 2015

PRESIDENT