

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. CP13-0964, Series of 2013**

Celebrating Homma Sensei's 50 years of Aikido practice and 35 years of service to the Denver community

**WHEREAS**, AHAN Nippon Kan is a 501©3 non-profit organization, which serves the Denver community as a traditional Japanese Culture Center; and

**WHEREAS**, founded by Gaku Homma Sensei in 1978, AHAN Nippon Kan is celebrating 3 ½ decades of volunteer service such as teaching tens of thousands of students of all ages Aikido programs, 23 years of service to Denver; serving over 70,000 meals to the homeless and those in need and beautifying Denver through the Denver Parks Department; and

**WHEREAS**, accomplishments include building 10 orphanages and learning centers abroad in Bangladesh, Thailand, Myanmar, the Philippines and Nepal with the goal of promoting care, independence, self reliance and community improvements in ways that blend and respect each country's culture and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, with a current general membership of over 200 students, AHAN Nippon Kan is also the home of the award winning Domo Japanese Country Foods Restaurant, where owner Gaku Homma serves as head chef; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaku Homma Sensei, who has spearheaded all of these projects, celebrates 50 years of practice of the art of Aikido this year, and is the inspiration for all the astonishing accomplishments at Nippon Kan.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver salutes Gaku Homma Sensei for his many years of service to Denver and beyond.

**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 Gaku Homma Sensei.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 16, 2013

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PRESIDENT