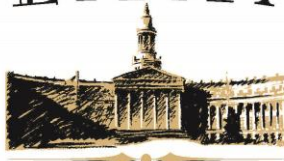


# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. CP17-0417 Honoring the Life and Contributions of Emily M. Busch**

**WHEREAS**, Emily M. Busch was a Denver native devoted to our community passed away unexpectedly from a severe asthma attack on February 25, 2017;

**WHEREAS**, Emily was a talented custom design jeweler for 35 years creating pieces for individuals and government agencies;

**WHEREAS**, Emily was adept in the martial art of Aikido achieving the highest rank awarded by the Nippon Kan Cultural Center;

**WHEREAS**, she dedicated herself to Nippon Kan for 32 years and was international coordinator of the Aikido Humanitarian Active Network (AHAN);

**WHEREAS**, Emily served as Vice President of the Nippon Kan Cultural Center of Denver founded by Gaku Homma Kancho and home to the Domo Japanese Country Foods restaurant;

**WHEREAS**, Nippon Kan has served more than 70,000 hot meals to Denver's homeless over the past 26 years and continues to do so monthly;

**WHEREAS**, Emily organized multiple local community volunteer efforts including the annual "turning of the flower beds" in Civic Center Park and other park maintenance and clean-up projects;

**WHEREAS**, Emily exemplified the life philosophy and martial art of Aikido and with, Gaku Homma Kancho, her friend and business partner serving humanity around the world for 30 years;

**WHEREAS**, Emily spearheaded the building of 10 orphanages and learning centers in Bangladesh, Thailand, Myanmar, the Philippines and Nepal;

**WHEREAS**, Emily facilitated numerous cultural exchanges between Denver and Akita, Japan including guiding delegations from Denver and hosting visitors from Japan to Denver;

**WHEREAS**, Emily passed away unexpectedly leaving a void in our community.

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

**Section 1.** The Council of the City and County of Denver posthumously salutes and honors Emily Busch for her many years of service to the Denver and world communities by naming Monday, April 10, 2017 as Emily M. Bush Day;

**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 a copy be transmitted to Gaku Homma and Catherine Busch Russell.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 24, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT