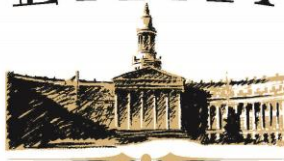


# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 16-0766

### Recognizing and celebrating Denver's Sister City relationships and the success of Denver Sister Cities International

Introduced by Councilmember Kendra Black

**WHEREAS**, following the mayhem of World War II, in 1948, Denver Sister Cities International was founded with a relationship with Brest, France; and Denver now has ten Sister Cities, each of which has a public park named in its honor as a tribute to the importance of these relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Sister Cities International hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Worldwide Festival, a free, day-long celebration of the cultures of Denver's global Sister Cities; and

**WHEREAS**, mayoral delegations from each of Denver's Sister Cities were formally invited to participate in Denver's Worldwide Festival and in meetings with municipal officials, area businesses, educational and cultural entities, and tourism offices to further strengthen the many impacts of these powerful relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, 2016 marks major anniversaries of two of Denver's ten Sister Cities: Denver and Kunming, a relationship established in 1986, is celebrating 30 years as Sister Cities; and the Denver-Ulaanbaatar sisterhood, established in 2001, celebrates 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Sister Cities International has been named the 2016 Best Overall Program for a city with a population greater than 500,000 by Sister Cities International, proudly expanding Denver's list of honors and awards. This award is based on the high level of activity and impact proven by Denver Sister Cities and our global Sisters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver and Denver Sister Cities International have a strong and mutually supportive and cooperative relationship.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council heartily welcomes our esteemed guests, colleagues, and friends from our Sister Cities, tonight and always, and offers congratulations and gratitude for their part in winning this prestigious award for our fair city.

**Section 2.** That the Council congratulates the many volunteers of Denver Sister Cities International who worked tirelessly to bring this honor home and to keep Denver's global connections vibrant and innovative.

**Section 3.** 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 transmit a copy thereof to Denver Sister Cities International.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AUGUST 29, 2016

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PRESIDENT