



**Recognizing and Celebrating Denver’s Sister City of Brest, France
Proclamation No. 17-1059**

Introduced by Councilwoman Kendra Black

WHEREAS, the United States and France share a long-standing friendship dating back to our very founding;
and

WHEREAS, in World Wars I and II, large numbers of U.S. soldiers entered European fighting through the port of Brest, including the orchestra of the 365th Regiment, which is credited with bringing jazz to Europe in 1917;
and

WHEREAS, following the mayhem of World War II, in 1948, Denver Sister Cities International was founded with a relationship with Brest, France; and

WHEREAS, Denver’s Sisterhood with Brest, now 69 years old, has resulted in countless impacts on people of all ages in our two cities through economic, educational, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, in the last year alone, eight exchanges between Denver and Brest prove the vitality and importance of this Sisterhood and offer positive impact to hundreds of people on both sides of the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, Denver and Brest share similar strong ecosystems for innovation and entrepreneurialism and environments of energy and progress; and

WHEREAS, next year marks the 70th anniversary of the Brest-Denver Sisterhood, the second-oldest Sister City relationship in the United States; 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 Denver City Council offers a hearty welcome (or *bienvenue*) to our friends from Brest and extends the hand of partnership to each member of the delegation.

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 transmit a copy thereof to Denver Sister Cities International.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 25, 2017

PRESIDENT