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PROCLAMATION
CORVALLIS SISTER CITIES MONTH
MAY 2016

WHEREAS, The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by President Eisenhower in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct, personal contact; and

WHEREAS, The City of Corvallis formed Sister City relationships with Uzhhorod, Ukraine, and Gondar, Ethiopia, in 1989 and 2005, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Corvallis and the Sister Cities join together in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agreeing to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities; and

WHEREAS, During May as Corvallis Sister Cities Month, members of the two Sister Cities Councils will promote their work at the Public Library and at the Saturday Market, host a mayoral delegation from Ukraine, conduct a membership drive, facilitate a discussion about water issues in Gondar, conduct a “Walk for Water” 5K for water projects in Gondar, sell hanging flower baskets to raise money for Uzhhorod projects and celebrate the association's work at various other events in town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Biff Traber, Mayor of the City of Corvallis, do hereby proclaim **May 2016** as **Corvallis Sister Cities Month** in the City and encourage all citizens to join in supporting peace to prevail in Ukraine, quality of life to improve in Ethiopia, and sustainability of the Corvallis Sister City Association’s projects and activities in both sister cities.

Biff Traber, Mayor

Date