



## **MUSCATINE SISTER CITIES YEAR PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, In 2021 Muscatine Sister Cities is celebrating 35 years of global citizen and civic diplomatic action, and helping support a future where the world's cities, communities and its citizens can come together in common ground.

**WHEREAS**, Muscatine Sister Cities Year is a fitting occasion to commemorate the significant impact that the organization has made in building bridges across nations, cities and communities around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace,

**WHEREAS**, Muscatine Sister Cities was founded in 1986 to create more community-led global relationships so that people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new national conflicts,

**WHEREAS**, Muscatine Sister Cities currently has 9 Sister Cities relationship in 8 countries.

**WHEREAS**, Muscatine Sister cities is proud to be a driving part of a global network with sister city partnerships spanning the globe in the following cities and countries:

- a) Drohobych - Ukraine
- b) Ichikawamisato - Japan
- c) Kislovodsk - Russia
- d) Lomza - Poland
- e) Ludwigslust - Germany
- f) Parana/Crespo - Argentina
- g) Ramallah - Palestine
- h) Zhengding - China

**WHEREAS**, The impact of Muscatine Sister Cities programs in the past 35 years was a great one and has included different community organizations in our program.

**WHEREAS**, these relationships include educational, economic, cultural, and municipal exchange programs that are mutually beneficial to each community,

**WHEREAS**, Muscatine Sister Cities Year is a call to action for Muscatine and citizens of our Sister Cities to come together to celebrate the importance of communities' continued commitment to supporting a more peaceful and prosperous future through continued people to people exchanges. Now therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Diana Broderson of Muscatine do hereby proclaim Year 2021, as

**Muscatine Sister Cities Year** in the City of Muscatine and encourage all citizens to celebrate 35 years of peace through people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muscatine to be affixed this January, 7<sup>th</sup> 2021.

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Diana Broderson, Mayor