

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and the City of Muscatine are successfully pursuing Sister-State and Sister-City relationships in many parts of the world including the Hebei Province in the People's Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China while in the United States in February 2012 honored the City of Muscatine by visiting our community resulting in cultural exchange, improved goodwill, cooperation and understanding on the part of Iowans and the People's Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine is unique among cities its size for its extensive global interests and worldwide connections; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, to further enhance our relationship with the People's Republic of China and to examine additional opportunities in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS, the relationship nurtured by Vice President Xi Jinping's visit to the City of Muscatine is valued by the Mayor, City Council, and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby recognize and endorse the hopes of all peoples that the relationship between Vice President Xi Jinping, the People's Republic of China and the City of Muscatine will make a positive contribution to peace and prosperity around the world.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of February 2012.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor