

PROCLAMATION

**CITY OF HAKUSAN, ISHIKAWA PREFECTURE, JAPAN
and
CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SISTER CITY FRIENDSHIP**

WHEREAS, Hakusan City (formerly Matto City,) Ishikawa, Japan and Columbia, Missouri, United States of America have been Sister Cities since March 7, 1988 and;

WHEREAS, Hakusan City and Columbia have been Sister Cities for 25 years and;

WHEREAS, a delegation from the Hakusan International Association visited Columbia October 28 – 30, 2013 in celebration of the Sister Cities' 25th Anniversary and;

WHEREAS, Hakusan International Association Chair Mr. Hiroshi Fukuda and delegates met with Mayor Robert McDavid in friendship and respect Monday, October 28, 2013 and;

WHEREAS, educators from Hakusan and Columbia reunited in celebration of the student exchange program between Hakusan and Columbia schools from 1990 to 2008 and;

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert McDavid invited the Matto Photography Club to share a series of photographs for Columbia's "Portrait of a Sister City" photography exhibit and;

WHEREAS, The citizens of Columbia are honored to learn about the culture and community of Hakusan through the Portrait of a Sister City photography exhibit, which opened Monday, October 28, 2013 and;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Sister City relationship are to foster cultural understanding, educational exchanges, economic opportunities and lasting friendships and;

WHEREAS, the signing of this proclamation expresses the enduring spirit of goodwill and friendship between Hakusan City and the City of Columbia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert McDavid, Mayor of the City of Columbia do hereby welcome the Hakusan International Association and declare our intent to continue the Sister City relationship between our communities and hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed hereto our signatures on this 28th day of October 2013.

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Robert McDavid, Mayor

