

In Celebration of Our Twenty-Year Sister City Partnership

Rapid City, South Dakota

and

Nikko City, Japan



WHEREAS: The purpose of a City Sister partnership is to further friendship and to contribute to both cities growth and development by the exchange of education, culture, industry and economy; and

WHEREAS: The Citizens of Nikko City and Rapid City have mutually benefited from the established relationship and the sharing of cultures between our Countries over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS: Together, Nikko City and Rapid City proudly celebrate the Twenty Year Sister City Partnership; and

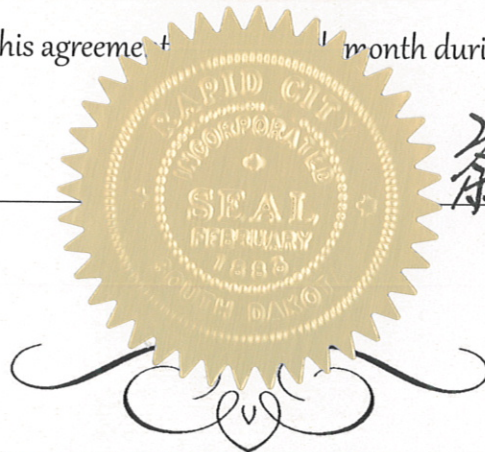
WHEREAS: With mutual support, the cities of Nikko City and Rapid City intend to continue this relationship into the future as a way to give their contribution to the cause of world peace and to the development of friendly relations between the people of the United States of America and Japan.

NOW: In Declaration of our friendship and mutual support, and in order to continue our Sister City Partnership for another Twenty years, we sign this agreement for a month during the year of 2014.

Samuel Kooiker

Mayor Samuel Kooiker

Rapid City, South Dakota



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Mayor Fumio Saito

Nikko City, Japan