

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation in celebration of the Five-Year Anniversary of the signing of the Sister Cities Agreement between Hanover Park and Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico.

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

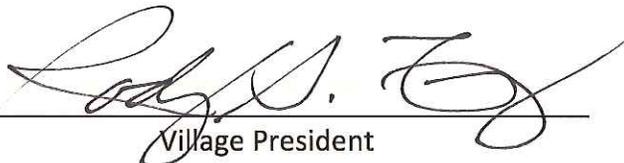
Whereas, in order to foster those goals, on September 7, 2010 the people of Hanover Park, Illinois, as represented by Village President Rodney S. Craig; and the people of Valparaiso, Zacatecas, as represented by Municipal President Laura Ruiz Gonzales; in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, signed a formal agreement to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities; and

Whereas, both parties agreed to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in such fields as arts and culture, health, science, education, sports, and tourism; and

Whereas, during the past five years both communities have established Committees of "Citizen Diplomats" who engage in regular communications and facilitate exchanges of information and ideas in the original spirit of "People-to-People".

Now, Therefore, I, Rodney S. Craig, do proclaim November 19, 2015 as a day to celebrate and recognize five years of Sister City friendship between Hanover Park and Valparaiso.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2015.



Village President

Attest:



Village Clerk