

JOINT PROCLAMATION

**City of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri,
United States of America
and
Laoshan District, Qingdao, Shandong Province,
People's Republic of China**

WHEREAS, Laoshan District, Qingdao, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China and the City of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, United States of America, have interests in furthering people-to-people ties between our cities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of Columbia to jointly proclaim with Laoshan District an agreement for a Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Friends of China, a local nonprofit organization has established ties with Laoshan District and has agreed to coordinate the Sister City relationship on behalf of the City of Columbia in accordance with Council Policy Resolution 32-96; and

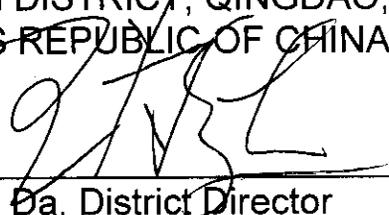
WHEREAS, the objectives of the Sister City relationship will be to foster individual and group educational and cultural exchanges, shared activities and projects, and economic cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the signing of this proclamation expresses the spirit of goodwill and represents the foundation of a relationship that will benefit the generations to come and contribute to the welfare of both Laoshan District and the City of Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, in our desire to establish this relationship, we Laoshan District, Qingdao, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China, and we the City of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, United States of America, do hereby establish this Sister City relationship to be in effect for five years and declare our interest by signing this proclamation stating the same. This Sister City relationship will be renewed upon mutual agreement of both cities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed hereto our signatures this 17th day of May 2006.

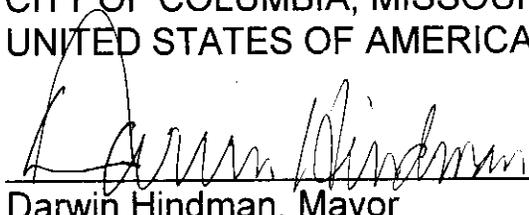
LAOSHAN DISTRICT, QINGDAO, SHANDONG PROVINCE,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



Wang Wei Da, District Director

Attest: _____
(Signature) (Name and Title)

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, BOONE COUNTY,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Darwin Hindman, Mayor

Attest: _____
(Signature) (Name and Title)

