

WHEREAS, The Sister Cities Council of Stillwater, Oklahoma expresses support for Sister Cities International Day on July 15, 2016, and encourages our elected officials and citizens to celebrate the importance of community involvement in programs and exchanges that lead to a more peaceful and prosperous world; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Sister Cities International is celebrating 60 years of global citizen and civic diplomatic action in support of a future where the world's cities, communities and its citizens can come together in common ground to build bridges across nations, cities and communities around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was founded as a Presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 at the White House Conference on citizen diplomacy to create more community-led global relationships so that people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of international conflicts; and

WHEREAS, since President Eisenhower, every sitting president has been the Honorary Chairman of Sister Cities International, an organization of over 570 member cities, counties, and states with relationships that include over 2,300 communities in 150 countries, spanning 6 continents; and

WHEREAS, countless city, county, and state governments and their leaders have been involved in global relationships due to Sister Cities International and thousands of volunteers have hosted educational, economic, cultural, municipal and humanitarian assistance exchange programs and events throughout the U.S.; and

WHEREAS Sister Cities International Day is an opportunity for Americans and the world to come together and show how powerful humanity can be when uniting to promote peace, progress and prosperity for a better world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina J. Noble, Mayor of the City of Stillwater and the Stillwater City Council do hereby recognize the lasting impact of Sister Cities International and support the designation of July 15, 2016, as "**SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL DAY**".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 11th day of July, 2016.

GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK