

Metropolitan Government of Nashville  
and Davidson County



Office of the Mayor

*A Proclamation Recognizing 75 Years of Peace*

**WHEREAS**, the mornings of August 6 and August 9 in Japan in the year 2020 mark the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively, and

**WHEREAS**, the end of World War II shortly after the bombings ushered in an era of continual peace between the United States of America and Japan, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1956 President Dwight D. Eisenhower with great foresight created organizations like Sister Cities International to carry out the mission of achieving peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation between peoples around the world,

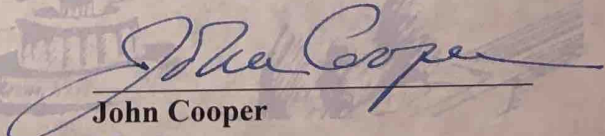
**WHEREAS**, visible proof of this long-lasting peaceful relationship between our two countries is present right here in our own city where we have enjoyed a wonderfully enriching cross-cultural relationship with our sister city, Kamakura, since 2014 and

**WHEREAS**, the peaceful relationship between the United States of America and Japan is widespread in that there are over 455 sister city/state relationships that have been recorded between our two countries, including the groundbreaking relationship between Saint Paul, Minnesota and Nagasaki, Japan, which was the first postwar sister city relationship with the United States and an Asian city, and

**WHEREAS**, bell ringing has long played a role in the United States, representing peace, and in Japan, where New Year bell ringing marks a new era, and the United States and Japan together have ushered in a new perpetual era of peace,

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED**, I, John Cooper, Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby proclaim that the week of August 5 through August 12, 2020, is proclaimed as "Nashville-Kamakura Peace Week" and all people in both cities are urged to commemorate the occasion by participating in a bell ringing ceremony, either individually at home, virtually, or in some safe public area taking care to observe all public health orders and advisories.

I have hereunto set my hand on  
this 5th day of August, 2020.

  
John Cooper  
Mayor

