

OPC-DPS 23 TOOLKIT: ADDENDUM A

SAMPLE – HOST CITY OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION



“See far, speak out, act firm.”

- Pierre de Coubertin



Date	June 24, 2023 [or other]
Whereas...	For over 125 years, the goal of the modern Olympic movement has been to build “a more peaceful and better world” by educating youth and others through sport, by bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and by forging new relationships bound by the principles of ‘Fair Play’ in sport and life;
Whereas...	The spirit of the Olympic and Paralympics movements lives strong in [CITY _____] through our collective actions to host the [Name of Past/Future Games _____], support Olympic and Paralympic sport, promote physical fitness and public participation in sport, and assist organizations and persons developing access to sport for all able-bodied and disabled individuals;
Whereas...	The City of [CITY _____] encourages its citizens and visitors, young and old, to embrace ‘Olympic/Paralympic Spirit’ in all aspects of sport and daily life as embodied in the following principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ The Olympic & Paralympic VALUES - <i>Inspiration, Excellence, Courage, Respect, Determination Friendship, Equality.</i>✦ The Olympic MISSION - “To educate youth through sport to contribute to building a better and more peaceful world”.✦ The Olympic MOTTO – To encourage every child and human being to dream “Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together!” – regardless of race, creed, gender, nationality, or social position.
Whereas...	The Olympics and Paralympics are not immune from the scourges of war and cannot alone prevent war or the other existential issues challenging society today, but can serve to demonstrate and inspire the best of humanity and foster inspiration and imagination in a world hungry for heroes, mentors, and role models;
Whereas...	War, aggression, and armed conflict represent the antithesis of ‘Olympic/Paralympic Spirit’, destroy human potential, property, peace, and solidarity, and have, during the era of the modern Olympic Games alone, claimed the lives and futures of an estimated 664 Olympians from 42 nations and inflicted life-altering injuries upon hundreds more Paralympic athletes;
Whereas...	June 23 is celebrated annually globally through ‘Olympic Day’ events and proclamations commemorating the anniversary of the founding of the modern Olympic movement in 1894 when the Congress of Paris approved Pierre de Coubertin’s proposal to relaunch the Games and engage nations on friendly playing fields versus antagonistic battlefields.
Now, Therefore...	I, _____, Mayor [or other authority] of [CITY _____], do hereby authorize the following actions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Proclaim [Date _____ June 24, 2023... or other] as the official Olympic Cities Day of Peace & Solidarity 2023 in [CITY _____] acknowledging and affirming in this proclamation the values and ideals embodied in ‘Olympic/Paralympic Spirit’ for this day and all days forward.✦ Call for a symbolic (Re-) lighting of the Olympic and Paralympic flame in [CITY ____].✦ Call for supporting events and activities to mark Olympic Cities Day of Peace & Solidarity 2023.
In Witness Thereof,...	I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the [CITY _____] to be affixed this [Date ____ XX] day of June 2023. _____ Honorable Mayor [or other authority] of the [CITY _____]