RESOLUTION NUMBER 1244

A RESOLUTION WELCOMING

THE VIOLINIST AND EDUCATOR MIDORI TO BOULDER

FINDINGS

- 1. Boulder has a long and deep commitment to arts and culture. It was originally shaped by the rich, impactful and original culture of the Ute, Arapaho, Jicarilla Apache, Comanche, and Navajo nations that originally called this place home. One of the first modern cultural resources was the Colorado Chautauqua, founded before the incorporation of the city. The University of Colorado and residents of early Boulder continued this tradition, particularly with accomplishments among visual artists, authors, poets, filmmakers, and others. Today, Boulder wins awards for the artists who live here, the organizations that present the art, and the commitment of the entire community to the advancement of culture.
- 2. The Boulder Philharmonic (Boulder Phil) and Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra (GBYO) were chosen from a national pool of applicants to bring the outstanding violinist and educator Midori to Boulder for a five-day immersive residency during the 2019-2019 season.
- 3. Midori is a celebrated and respected concert violinist of extraordinary talent and international fame. She has performed with the world's most important orchestras and received numerous awards including the Kennedy Center Gold Medal in the Arts in 2010. Expanding the role of her musical abilities, Midori is committed to education and cultural diplomacy, being named a United Nations Messenger of Peace.
- 4. Throughout her career, Midori has been devoted to working with youth and communities in a way that few performing artists of her caliber can claim. Through the Midori Orchestra Residency Program, she visits one or two mid-sized communities each year to share her impressive artistry and inclusive vision of the vital role that music and the arts can play not only in the concert hall, but across the entire community and in the life of every citizen.
- 5. The city awarded a \$3,000 Arts Education Grant to the Boulder Phil and GBYO to help maximize the community impact and cultural value of Midori's residency. The award was made in recognition that Midori's visit contributed to the following priorities identified in the city's Community Cultural Plan:
 - a. Supporting the resiliency and sustainability of cultural organizations to enhance their ability to benefit the community.
 - b. Creating a supportive environment for artists and creative professionals, while fostering innovative thinking and leadership among them.

- c. Developing Boulder's creative identity in becoming an innovative world leader in cultural matters and projects that identity to the region and the world.
- 6. While in Boulder, Midori will perform concerts with both the Boulder Phil and with GBYO at Macky Auditorium, engage in numerous community-facing events focused on youth and civic engagement, and participate in a world premiere of a work composed especially for the residency by Daniel Kellogg.

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The Boulder City Council welcomes Midori to Boulder, expresses its sincere appreciation for the contributions to our community her visit will bring, including civic meetings, workshops, master classes, and community events. It encourages the community members to attend the performance of the Sibelius Violin Concerto on November 4th with the Boulder Philharmonic, and the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Movement 3 with the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra on November 5th.

Resolved this 16th day of October, 2018

Mayor

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