



RESOLUTION NO. 2012-60 RECOGNIZING YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

WHEREAS, youth exchange programs promote understanding and tolerance between cultures; and

WHEREAS, Edina High School welcomes foreign exchange students from around the world to spend one academic year learning in its classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Edina High School student travel abroad as exchange students to spend an academic year learning in classrooms and homes of various countries around the world, and

WHEREAS, various youth exchange organizations promote international study and support these students through mandated and voluntary programs that enrich the students' cultural experience; and

WHEREAS, Edina families and Edina students' host families open their homes and welcome these students to live as part of their family for one year; and

WHEREAS, these foreign exchange students embark upon a unique and exciting journey, arriving with just a suitcase and a passport. These amazing young people bravely carry their heritage and values across the world with the hope of living, learning and sharing with an American host family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edina City Council formally recognize these exchange students, host families, Edina school administrators and your exchange organizations for their dedication to peace and understanding through international cultural sharing, to encourage the sharing of ideas, values and experience among today's youth by exposing young scholars to leadership, civil society principles and community service.

Dated: April 17, 2012

James B. Hovland, Mayor