

# SISTER CITY

# 25<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary*

## PROCLAMATION

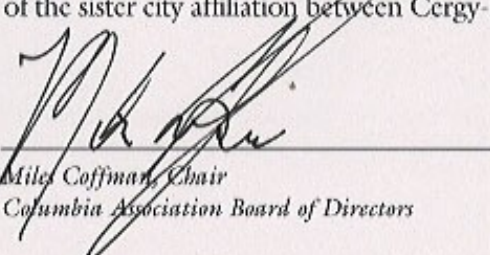
WHEREAS a sister city affiliation was established in 1977 between the towns of Cergy-Pontoise, France and Columbia, Maryland, U.S.A.; and

WHEREAS during these 25 years the bonds of friendship, understanding and good-will between the citizens of the two towns and their positive impact on their local and their global community have strengthened and been ever growing; and

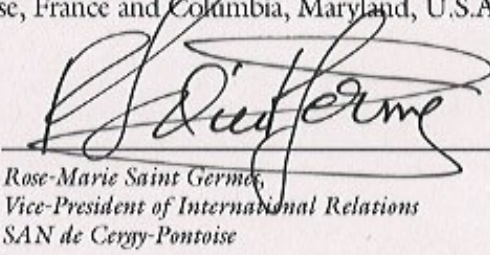
WHEREAS recent world events have emphasized the importance of cross-cultural and transnational understanding and fellowship, and the need for alliances of mutual respect, interest and purpose across the world; and

WHEREAS the towns of both Cergy-Pontoise, France and Columbia, Maryland, U.S.A. recognize the value and importance of their sister city affiliation, and are committed to continuing their support of the relationship and the programs which promote and further its goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 26th day of September, 2002, in honor of this 25th sister city anniversary, that the signatures below constitute a reaffirmation of the sister city affiliation between Cergy-Pontoise, France and Columbia, Maryland, U.S.A.



Miles Coffman, Chair  
Columbia Association Board of Directors



Rose-Marie Saint Germe,  
Vice-President of International Relations  
SAN de Cergy-Pontoise