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SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AWARDS DIONNE WARWICK EISENHOWER PEACE PRIZE

Sister Cities International (SCI) is honored to present the 2020 Eisenhower Peace Prize to Ms. Dionne Warwick. Ms. Warwick will receive the prize at Sister Cities International's Presidential Inaugural Celebration on January 17, 2021. Every year, SCI awards the Eisenhower Peace Prize to a nationally recognized leader whose lifetime of public service exemplifies, epitomizes, and promotes the value of citizen diplomacy.

"Sister Cities International demonstrates the impacts of citizen diplomacy and how necessary it is for our world, especially today," said Ms. Warwick. "Being known as a musical artist who has bridged the gap, I am honored to receive the Eisenhower Peace Prize and am excited to continue bridging relationships for peaceful societies."

Leroy Allala, President and CEO of Sister Cities International, noted that "Dionne Warwick is a citizen diplomat whose influence continues to be exceptional in bringing mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation to the American people. Her impact across cultures, languages, and countries is integral to President Eisenhower's vision of peacebuilding."

Dionne Warwick is a six-time Grammy Award-winning music legend who has earned more than 75 charted hit songs and sold over 100 million records. She has recorded 18 consecutive Top 100 singles ("Don't Make Me Over," "Walk on By," "Say a Little Prayer," "A House is Not a Home," "Alfie," "Heartbreaker," "Déjà Vu," among many others). She received her first Grammy in 1968 for "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?". Ms. Warwick became the first African American solo female artist of her generation to win the prestigious award for Best Contemporary Female Vocalist Performance.

In 1985, she was instrumental in the recording of "That's What Friends Are For," (with Elton John, Stevie Wonder & Gladys Knight), which became a number-one hit worldwide and raised awareness and major funds for AIDS research, which she continues to support, among other causes such as The Starlight Foundation, children's hospitals, world hunger, disaster relief, and music education for which she has been honored and has raised millions of dollars. Ms. Warwick also participated in the all-star charity single, "We Are the World" and performed at "Live Aid." Ms. Warwick has made numerous contributions to Sister Cities International's events over the years, including memorable performances at the 2014 Annual Conference in San Jose and 2020 Virtual Annual Conference.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded as a Presidential Initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for 350 member communities with over 1,800 partnerships in more than 137 countries on six continents around the world. The Sister City network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomat volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and understanding through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, business and trade, and community development.



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