

City of Cedar Rapids
Iowa



Proclamation

Whereas, the Czech Republic won a gold medal in ice hockey at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. It was their first hockey Olympic gold medal; and

Whereas, in the medal round they beat the United States 4-1, Canada 2-1 in a shootout (which is the hockey equivalent to sudden death overtime), and Russia 1-0; and

Whereas, they were met by 100,000 fans in Old Town Square upon their return to Prague; and

Whereas, the Czech hockey team featured stars named Hasek, Jager (Jager in the U.S.), Ruzicka, Novotny, Prochazka (Prochaska in U.S.) and Svoboda, all names common to Cedar Rapids; and

Whereas, Cedar Rapids is home to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library which shares in the joy of this event and the city's proclamation; and

Whereas, 25% of Cedar Rapids claims Czech heritage; and

Whereas, notification of this proclamation will be provided to the Czech Embassy in Washington and the Czech Ice Hockey Association in Prague; and

Whereas, Cedar Rapids and its citizens share in the joy and excitement of our international friends and relatives in the Czech Republic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lee R. Clancey, mayor of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, do hereby proclaim and recognize the Czech Hockey Team and hereby name all of its members honorary citizens of Cedar Rapids.

February 25, 1998
Date

Lee R. Clancey
Lee R. Clancey, Mayor

