

## Proclamation BETWEEN



## Special Olympics, Inc. and International Skating Union

WHEREAS, ISU, the International Skating Union, is a global organization whose main mission is to promote the sports of Figure Skating and Speed Skating and to supervise and direct the development of all activities; and

WHEREAS, the ISU is committed to promoting the cooperation and mutual understanding between athletes from all countries, and to offer inspiration to all citizens as symbols of excellence and achievement; and

WHEREAS, the ISU objective is to generally promote the sports of Figure Skating and Speed Skating as recreational and leisure sport in the interest of all skaters, especially as a healthy activity for children and youth, and encouraging the development of the sports of Figure Skating and Speed Skating in all possible manifestations to all interested people; and

WHEREAS, when Skaters from different cultures and nationalities compete together, any differences of opinion, belief and territory are set aside in favour of a common pursuit and appreciation of sport.

**NOW**, therefore, ISU hereby proclaims its unanimous support and affinity for Special Olympics and all its Skaters whose extraordinary courage represents the true spirit of sportsmanship.

WHEREAS, the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and competition across 170 countries throughout the world for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the world Special Olympics athletes offer inspiration to all citizens through their accomplishments and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Special Olympics – skills, courage, acceptance and joy – transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race or religion.

**NOW**, therefore, Special Olympics accepts the unanimous support of the ISU and conveys this to all its athletes and supporters with the purpose of enhancing the sports of Figure Skating and Speed Skating.

## 'LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CAN NOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT' SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH

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