

Proclamation Between Special Olympics, Inc. and Union Cycliste Internationale

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WHEREAS Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is an organization whose main mission is to support athletic endeavors in the sport of Cycling

WHEREAS UCI is the recognized world governing body for Cycling and is committed to promoting and encouraging Cycling to all interested people; and

WHEREAS under the structure of UCI, Cycling has offered inspiration to all people as a symbol of excellence and acheivement;

WHEREAS when cycling athletes from different cultures and nationalities compete together, any differences of opinion, belief and territory are set aside in favor of a common pursuit and appreciation of sport; and

NOW, therefore, UCI hereby proclaims its full support and affinity for Special Olympics and its Cycling athletes, whose extraordinary courage represents the true spirit of sportsmanship.

WHEREAS the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

WHEREAS in countries throughout the world Special Olympics athletes offer inspiration to all people through their accomplishments and dedication; and

WHEREAS the spirit of Special Olympics athletes' skills, courage, acceptance and joy transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race and religion;

NOW, therefore, Special Olympics announces to all our athletes and supporters that it has the full support of the UCI for the purposes of supporting Special Olympics and enhancing the development of Cycling.

"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CAN NOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."

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