Greetings:

As mayor, it is my honor to welcome the DICOTA 2018 Convention: "Partnering with the Tanzania Diaspora: Investment, Innovation, Industrialization" to the City of Bellevue!

Bellevue, Washington is a vibrant, modern and growing city that offers the ultimate in shopping, dining and cultural attractions, all surrounded by magnificent natural beauty and outdoor spaces. We encourage you to get out and explore our many parks located throughout the city. In fact, Bellevue is known as a "city in a park," boasting nearly 100 parks that range from ball fields to beach parks, forested wilderness with hiking trails galore to manicured meadows and even a botanical garden.

Bellevue's central location in the Puget Sound region provides the opportunity to experience all that the greater Seattle area has to offer. Within minutes, you can explore Seattle's unique culture and history, visit Kirkland's waterfront parks and galleries, or tour Woodinville's Wine Country, home to 90 wineries and some of the world's best wines. You can even quench your taste for adventure with a day-trip to nearby mountains for hiking, biking or skiing. For additional information about visiting our community I encourage you to go to VisitBellevueWashington.com

On behalf of the City of Bellevue, I wish you a productive and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

John J. Chelinich