



Office of the Mayor
City of Columbus
Ohio

Greetings:

On behalf of the people of Columbus, I am delighted to welcome you to our state capital and Ohio's largest city. Columbus is a growing, vibrant city known for its dynamic business climate, friendly neighborhoods, and modern, efficient government. Each year, an increasing number of visitors from around the world come to our city to meet, compete, trade, and enjoy what Columbus has to offer.



As Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, it is an honor to welcome the 21st U.S. Martial Arts Championship 2008 and the Mr. Martial Arts 2008 and Miss Martial Arts 2008 National and International title events to our city. We are proud to be the host city for these significant events that will begin on October 10 and run through October 12, 2008.

While you are here, we invite you to explore the many things we love about our community: the new COSI, the world famous Columbus Zoo, The Ohio State University, the fantastic shopping, and the vibrant nightlife in places like the Short North, German Village, the Brewery District, Easton Town Center, the King Center for the Performing Arts which showcases the works of nationally acclaimed artist, Brenda Aminah Lynn Robinson and dozens of friendly spots in every Columbus neighborhood.

There's so much to discover in Columbus. But what we hope you'll find most of all is our generous hospitality and special quality of life that brings visitors back, and leads more and more people to make Columbus their home.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Coleman".

Michael B. Coleman
Mayor