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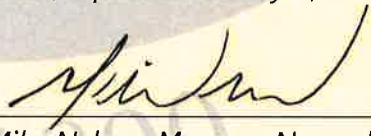
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35th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship with Hekinan, Japan

- WHEREAS,** the Sister City relationship between Hekinan, Japan and the City of Edmonds was established on April 5, 1988 to promote cultural opportunities to citizens and to encourage commerce and tourism between the two regions; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Edmonds Sister City Commission promotes international relations through the people-to-people and sister city affiliation with cultural exchanges, education, and the uniting of the two cities; and
- WHEREAS,** ongoing exchanges of visual artwork have enriched the art collections of each city and include symbols of our friendship and unity, and visits by artists have cultivated cultural understanding for the citizens of each city; and
- WHEREAS,** over 330 students from the Edmonds area have participated in summer exchange programs, and over 380 students have visited Edmonds from Hekinan; and
- WHEREAS,** ten adult delegations have travelled from Edmonds to Hekinan, and over 390 visitors have travelled from Hekinan over the past 35 years as part of an annual spring and autumn delegation; and
- WHEREAS,** a delegation from Edmonds visited Hekinan in April 2023 and this month Mayor Negita and a delegation of community members, City staff, and Association, Council, and Cultural leaders are visiting from Hekinan to honor the 35th anniversary of the sister city relationship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor, do hereby recognize and honor the 35th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Edmonds and Hekinan, Japan this 1st day of November 2023.


Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ November 1, 2023

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