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<b>Title:</b>	Gratitude extended to Naoki Ito for tenure as consul-general of Japan
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Naoki Ito, has stepped down as Consul-General of Japan in Chicago, after two-and-half years of dedicated diplomatic service of the Empire of Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago City Council has been informed of Naoki Ito's August 28<sup>th</sup> departure as Consul-General of Japan in Chicago by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Ito assumed his post as Consul-General of Japan in Chicago on February 21, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Consul-General Ito provided consular services that contributed to the safety and security of more than 33,000 Japanese nationals in the 10-state region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin); and

**WHEREAS**, during Consul-General Ito's tenure, Japanese companies continued to expand and develop throughout the region in various fields from manufacturing and agriculture to tourism and finance which has contributed to job creation and the local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, about 1,300 Japanese business facilities provide 130,000 direct jobs in the 10-state region; and

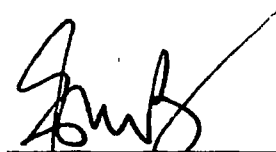
**WHEREAS**, Consul-General Ito continued to present Japanese culture and supported the more than 70 sister city partnerships between Japan and the Midwest Cities; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2017 Japan's Consulate Office celebrated its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment which continues to deepen the economic ties and other exchanges between Japan and the U.S.; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this eighteenth day of September, 2019, do hereby thank Naoki Ito for his tenure as Consul-General to the City of Chicago and other Midwest Cities, and wish him the very best as he begins the next phase of his life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Consul-General Naoki Ito.

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Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward