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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

February 28, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith congratulatory resolutions regarding the anniversaries of various Chicago Sister Cities.

Your favorable consideration of these resolutions will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was established in 1956 to further global understanding by encouraging and assisting United States communities and their citizens to join together with cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Since 1960, Chicago Sister Cities International has established strong ties with 28 Sister Cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, These partnerships continue to enhance international cooperation and understanding through community involvement and people-to-people relationships; and

WHEREAS, These ties have increased international trade, economic development, tourism, cultural exchanges and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is a global city comprised of diverse communities and neighborhoods and a leader in forging long-lasting relationships throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chicago's Sister City relationship with Osaka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Chicago and Osaka are both known as economic engines in their respective countries; and

WHEREAS, The two cities have formed a partnership between the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and the Osaka Marathon; and

WHEREAS, The Garden of the Phoenix (Osaka Garden) in Chicago's Jackson Park symbolizes the strong ties between the U.S. and Japan; and

WHEREAS, Chicago and Osaka are both recognized as major culinary capitals in the world; and

WHEREAS, Chicago shares a long history of friendship and cooperation with the people of Japan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is home to a vibrant and energetic Japanese-American community that has made our city a wonderful place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, The Japanese community has made vital contributions to the development of Chicago through its history and continues to play an important role in the cultural, civic and economic life of our city; and

WHEREAS, Chicago looks forward to working closely with Osaka and Japan into the future; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby honor Chicago's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Osaka, Japan, and commemorate the contributions that this relationship has brought to the citizens of the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Honorable Naoki Ito, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan.