

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2020 AS “AMERICAN-JAPANESE SISTER CITIES PEACE WEEK”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the mornings of August 6 and August 9 in Japan in the year 2020 mark the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the end of World War II shortly after the bombings ushered in an era of continual peace between the United States of America and Japan; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 President Dwight D. Eisenhower with great foresight created organizations like Sister Cities International (SCI) to carry out the mission of achieving peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation between peoples around the world; and

WHEREAS, visible proof of this long lasting peaceful relationship between our two countries is demonstrated by the number of sister city relationships which currently exist with Japanese cities; and

WHEREAS, the peaceful relationship between the United States of America and Japan is widespread in that there are over 455 sister city/state relationships that have been recorded between the two countries, including the groundbreaking relationship between Saint Paul, Minnesota and Nagasaki, Japan, which was the first postwar sister city relationship with the United States of America and an Asian city; and

WHEREAS, bell ringing has long played a role in the United States, representing peace, and in Japan, where New Year bell ringing marks a new era, and the United States of America and Japan together have ushered in a new perpetual era of peace; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami recognize the importance of commemorating American-Japanese Sister Cities Peace Week as it acknowledges the peaceful relationship which currently exists and promotes the simultaneous ringing of bells in sister cities across the United States of America and Japan to mark 75 years of peace since the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Designation. That the City of North Miami hereby designate the week of August 5, 2020 through August 12, 2020 as "American-Japanese Sister Cities Peace Week" and encourages all people in sister cities to commemorate the occasion by participating in a bell ringing ceremony, either individually at home, virtually, or in some safe public area taking care to observe all public health orders and advisories.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 11th day of August, 2020.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)