

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY, CONCERN, AND PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN AFTER EXPERIENCING AN EARTHQUAKE AND SUBSEQUENT TSUNAMI ON MARCH 10, 2011.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the people of Japan suffered the extraordinary natural disaster of an earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale and subsequent tsunami on March 10, 2011, which have imposed great hardship, loss of life, and tragedy on the affected areas and through the country; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman has enjoyed close ties with the people of Japan through its six-year Sister City relationship with the city of Seika in Kyoto Prefecture and Norman Public Schools has hosted exchanges with the schools of Odawara in Kanagawa Prefecture since June of 1994 to the benefit of our students, teachers, and entire community; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the three Japanese-based corporate citizens of Hitachi, Astellas Pharma Technologies, and Weathernews are valued leaders and partners in the Norman community; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Norman's commitment to the Sister City Program reminds us of the special ties that our community has around the world, bringing us closer together in commerce, culture, and education; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Norman community is a generous and welcoming people with long-standing commitment and support to the American Red Cross and other relief organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. On behalf of the City Council and citizens of Norman do express our deepest sympathy, concern, and prayers for the people of Japan during this time of need and call upon all citizens to assist through their faith communities or other organizations to help in whatever way possible to meet the challenge of the disaster and suffering of the people of Japan.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March, 2011.

  
Mayor

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City Clerk

