

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-40

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF 30-YEAR SISTER CITY RELATIONS
BETWEEN CITY OF FOREST GROVE AND TOWN OF NYUZEN, JAPAN**

WHEREAS, the sister city program originated in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed a people-to-people citizen diplomacy initiative; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1988-54 was adopted by the Forest Grove City Council, on behalf of the people of Forest Grove and the people of Nyuzen, Japan, to establish a Sister City with Nyuzen, Japan, for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1989, the Sister City Covenant was signed pledging Forest Grove's support for mutual exchanges in the areas of education, culture, industry and commerce; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the momentous occasion of the 30-year Sister City relationship between Forest Grove and Nyuzen, Japan; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, Forest Grove and Nyuzen have participated in annual adult and student exchange programs that have allowed citizens and students from both countries to experience the culture and style of their sister city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove, through its City Council, recognizes and endorses this program with the hope that it will continue to lead to more life-long friendships and continued mutual interests between the people of Forest Grove and Nyuzen, Japan; and

WHEREAS, the City, jointly with the Sister Cities Committee, is planning public events and activities during the delegation's stay in Forest Grove in recognition of the 30-Year Anniversary.

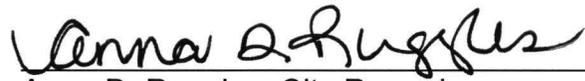
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Forest Grove City Council hereby recognizes and honors Nyuzen, Japan, for its 30-year Sister City relations with Forest Grove. Further, the City Council reaffirms this important relationship and remains committed to a continued Sister City relations with Nyuzen, Japan, to further international understanding and mutual interests between Forest Grove and Nyuzen for many generations to follow.

Section 2. The Mayor acts as official representative to carry out this program.

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 9th day of April, 2018.



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 9th day of April, 2018.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor



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AGENDA ITEM #:	6
MEETING DATE:	4/9/18
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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

PROJECT TEAM: *Anna Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder*

MEETING DATE: *April 9, 2018*

SUBJECT TITLE: *Resolution In Recognition of 30-Year Sister City Relations*

ACTION REQUESTED:	Ordinance	Order	X Resolution	Motion	Informational
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X all that apply

ISSUE STATEMENT:

This year marks the momentous occasion of the 30-year Sister City relationship (established pursuant to Resolution 1988-54 and signed Sister City Covenant) between Forest Grove and Nyuzen, Japan. Nyuzen plans to send an adult delegation, consisting of 10-12 members, in recognition of the 30-Year Sister City relationship. The delegation plans to arrive June 30 and depart July 5, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

The City, jointly with Sister Cities Committee, is planning the following significant events and activities during the delegation’s stay in Forest Grove, including:

- ***Nyuzen Delegation Meet-n-Greet***, June 30, 2pm, at the Community Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.
- ***Commemoration Peace Pole***, unveiling on July 3, 4pm, at the Community Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.
- ***Formal Gala & Banquet***, on July 3, 5:30 pm, at Pacific University. The City Council, City officials, the Governor and other special dignitaries are invited to attend. A limited number of tickets will go on sale soon for the public.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City budgets \$4,000 each year to the Sister City Account, \$3,600 for the adult exchange program and \$400 for the student exchange program. It should be noted that Nyuzen paid air travel for Forest Grove Mayor to travel to Nyuzen on two occasions. The City is proposing to pay Nyuzen Mayor’s (or Town Official) air travel to Forest Grove for this year’s visit. There is sufficient funding available in the 2017-18 budget to purchase signage in recognition of the 30-year program. The expenses for the delegation’s visit, such as airfare, delegation transportation while in Forest Grove, events and other activities will be approximately \$4,000 to be included in the proposed budget for

2018-19. The City's adult delegation visit is scheduled in 2019 and additional funding will need to be budgeted for this travel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution in recognition of the 30-Year Sister City relations that Forest Grove has with Nyuzen, Japan. The resolution reaffirms the City Council's commitment to this important relationship and a continued Sister City relations with Nyuzen for many generations to follow.

ATTACHMENT(s):

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