

RESOLUTION NO. 013-24Introduced by _____
CouncilorSeconded by _____
CouncilorForm Approved _____
Director of LawPUBLICATION: I hereby certify that this Resolution was published in a summary manner
according to law in the Lima News on __________
Dana Addis, Clerk

VOTE	1ST		2ND		3RD	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
GORDON						
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JORDAN						
JONES						
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DIXON						
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**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER
CITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY OF LIMA AND HARIMA-CHO, JAPAN.**

WHEREAS, the Sister City Program originated in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed a people to people citizen diplomacy initiative; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 1998, this Council unanimously passed a resolution adopting a Sister City relationship between the City of Lima and Harima-Cho, Japan; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the momentous occasion of the 25-year Sister City relationship between the City of Lima and Harima-Cho, Japan; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, Lima and Harima-Cho 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 Lima, 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 Lima and Harima-Cho, Japan; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lima wishes to welcome and honor our visitors from Harima-Cho, who have contributed so much to the cultural enrichment of this City; **Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIMA, OHIO, WITH AT
LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING:**

Section 1. That the Lima City Council hereby recognizes and honors Harima-Cho, Japan, for its 25-year Sister City relationship with the City of Lima. Further, the City Council reaffirms this important relationship and remains committed to a continued Sister City relationship with Harima-Cho, Japan, to further international understanding and mutual interests between Lima and Harima-Cho for many generations to follow. ;

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed upon adoption of this resolution to provide a copy to representatives of Harima-Cho, Japan, including Mr. Yuji Hirano - Deputy Mayor, Mr. Hideki Tomiyama - Board of Education Staff, and Mr. Shugo Aota - Collaboration Promotion Dept. Chief and the local news media.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of this Resolution to be made in a summary manner as provided by the City Charter.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to council at the first reading hereof. If it shall not so pass it shall take effect and be in force forthwith upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to council at the second reading hereof. If it shall not so pass at second reading then it shall take effect and be in full force forthwith upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members elected to council at the third reading hereof. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____, 2024

Jamie L. Dixon, President

Approved: _____, 2024

Sharetta T. Smith, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dana Addis, Clerk