

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2011

Expressing Our Thoughts and Concerns for Our Friends and Associates in Sister-City Sayama, Japan and Our Sympathies to All Japanese Citizens Affected by the Recent Earthquake and Tsunami.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011 a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck the Japanese nation, causing death and injury to thousands of people and severe destruction to the northeastern portion of the country; and,

WHEREAS, as the Japanese people, government leaders and relief organizations struggle to determine the next steps toward recovery, the threat continues from severe aftershocks and the instability of nuclear power facilities which were damaged in the earthquake; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington has been very concerned about the safety and well-being of the citizens and city officials of our sister city, Sayama, Japan; and,

WHEREAS, although Sayama citizens did not sustain significant injury or damage during the earthquake, they are still impacted as they experience long black-out periods with no electricity, disruptions in the transportation system, shortages of gasoline and other supplies, and uncertainty about what the future holds for their country; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington and the Worthington International Friendship Association would like to express our sincere thoughts and well-wishes to our friends in Sayama and all citizens of Japan as they struggle to rebuild their country; and,

WHEREAS, we would further like to express our desire to help however we are able through our friendship and support, fundraising efforts, or by opening our homes and our hearts to Japanese friends who may need to take refuge during this crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington truly values the personal friendships and cultural understanding that has grown in the past 18 years of our relationship with the City of Sayama and wishes to support them in this time of need.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Worthington does hereby extend our thoughts and well-wishes to sister-city Sayama, Japan and our sympathies to all Japanese citizens affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be instructed to forward a duly certified copy of this Resolution to Sayama Mayor Yukinari Nakagawa and to record said Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted March 21, 2011

[signature on file]
President of Council

Attest:

[signature on file]
Clerk of Council