

**A Salutation to Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute to Commemorate  
Hinamatsuri 2017**

WHEREAS, the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute was established with a mission to in part to increase the American community's reciprocal understanding of each other's culture and, and;

WHEREAS, the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute provides students with the support to maximize their development through its academic and residential life programs, and;

WHEREAS, Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute strives to provide the Spokane community with cultural exchange programs by opening its doors to the public through displays and classes at the Japanese Cultural Center to over 4,000 visitors per year to advance community outreach, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Spokane has enjoyed a decades-long friendship with Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute, most notably through the collaboration and friendship of Mr. Ed Tsuddakawa and Mayor Neil Fosseen, and;

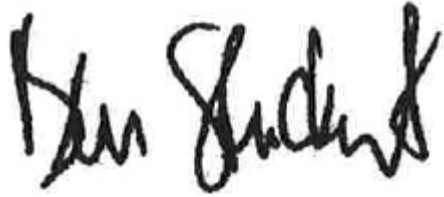
WHEREAS, Spokane shares a deep connection to Japan through its cherished Japanese Sister-City Nishinomiya, and;

WHEREAS, Spokane is home to one of the last remaining original Japanese Ambassador Friendship dolls, created in an exchange program in the 1920s between the United States and Japan to spread friendship and good will, and;

WHEREAS, the Hinamatsuri celebration has been celebrated by countless generations of families, and holds a special place in Spokane's celebrations and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Spokane, that we salute the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute, we express our friendship and support for the Inland Northwest's Japanese children and families, and we extend sincere well wishes to all of Spokane's Japanese residents as our community marks the celebration of the Hinamatsuri holiday.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March in 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stuckart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Stuckart  
Spokane City Council President