

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH KITAKATA, JAPAN**

WHEREAS, the Sister City Relationship with Kitakata, Japan was established in October 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Relationship was formed in order to deepen the understanding and friendship between the two cities through programs in such fields as education, culture and economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville and Kitakata City reaffirmed the shared commitment to continue to support and promote the Sister City Relationship in August 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville and former nonprofit, Wilsonville Sister City Association has facilitated cultural exchanges between the City of Wilsonville and Kitakata, Japan for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville established the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board in 2020 to strengthen our commitment to the Sister City Relationship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Wilsonville, recognize the 35th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship between the City of Wilsonville and Kitakata, Japan.

Dated the 16th day of October 2023.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

