

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH SHITARA, JAPAN

WHEREAS, the City of Shitara, Japan has proposed establishing a formal sister city relationship with the City of Albany; and

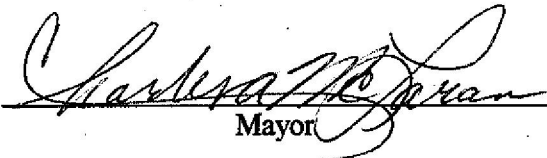
WHEREAS, the City of Shitara has sent city officials, school officials, and students to Albany for each of the past six years; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council believes that a sister city relationship would be beneficial to all concerned but has concerns about the potential obligation of public resources needed to maintain an effective relationship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council supports continuing the existing, informal relationship and exchanges that have been taking place between Shitara and Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council would support a more formal sister city relationship with the successful formation of a private or nonprofit organization that is capable of providing fund-raising and logistical support. Moreover, the City Council urges all interested parties, the Albany schools, business community, and service organizations to get involved with the sister city exchange with Shitara, Japan.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1999.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder