RESOLUTION NO. 1676



A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Longview establishing a formal sister city relationship with Wako, Japan.



WHEREAS, the City of Longview has enjoyed a friendly informal relationship with Wako, Japan over the past ten years; and WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Council, City staff and citizens of Longview, Washington, U.S.A., wish to continue our friendly ties for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, the exchanges between our countries add richness, diversity and the promise of global peace to our lives; and

WHEREAS, our friendship unites people of all ages and backgrounds and surmounts barriers of distance, culture, language and politics; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of Longview to establish a <u>formal</u> sister city relationship between our cities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, that the City of Wako, Japan is formally recognized and embraced as an official sister city to Longview; and, the City of Longview offers the hand of friendship in the hope it will strengthen the bonds between our two great countries.

Passed by the City Council this 26th day of August, 1999
Approved by the Mayor this 26th day of August, 1999.

Mayor Ramona Leber	