

PROCLAMATION

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE CITIZENS OF OTSUCHI, JAPAN ON THE DEDICATION OF THEIR NEW “REMEMBER HOPE NAMIITA BEACH VILLAGE” ON APRIL 17, 2016

WHEREAS, the cities of Fort Bragg and Otsuchi, Japan became sister cities in 2005, after several years of participation in a student exchange program; and

WHEREAS, many strong and lasting friendships have developed as a result of the cultural exchange program between the two sister cities; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2016, the citizens of Otsuchi will dedicate the opening of a new “Remember HOPE Namiita Beach Village” facility to bring energy and life back to the beach which was heavily damaged by the earthquake disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council congratulates the City of Otsuchi on its ability to rebuild what was once a beautiful white sand beach with a new Beach Village; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg humbly offers pieces of beach glass from its own Glass Beach, a former dump site that is now a world-famous visitor attraction, as a symbol of hope and affirmation for the efforts to restore Namiita Beach to its former beauty; and

WHEREAS, this beach glass is testament to the strength and resilience of the people of Otsuchi and the lasting friendship that exists between our two communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council regrets not being able to attend the inaugural ceremony to offer this glass in person and we hope to visit Otsuchi and the new “Remember HOPE Namiita Beach Village” very soon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Turner, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby congratulate the Mayor and citizens of Otsuchi on the “Remember HOPE Namiita Beach Village” facility, and affirm our strong support for the Fort Bragg-Otsuchi Cultural Exchange Program.

SIGNED this 28th day of March, 2016.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, City Clerk
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