



## PROCLAMATION

presented to

### *The Yokkaichi Japan Trio*

*Whereas, on September 25, 1963 the Long Beach City Council unanimously recognized the Japanese port city of Yokkaichi as its Sister City and on October 7, 1963 the City Assembly in Yokkaichi approved the relationship, and*

*Whereas, in the summer of 1965 Long Beach hosted a teacher and two students from Yokkaichi, known as the Trio Program, to foster international goodwill and friendship and in alternate years since then Long Beach has sent or received a Trio, which gives young people and teachers an understanding of the values and cultures of their Sister City counterparts, and*

*Whereas, in 1986 the Yokkaichi English Fellows program was created in which Long Beach Unified School District teachers and/or CSULB graduates serve for two years as assistant English teachers at the elementary and middle school level in Yokkaichi, and*

*Whereas, in 2002 the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association coordinated a visit by physicians from the Yokkaichi Municipal Hospital that has now become an annual educational program where doctors and sometimes nurses observe medical procedures and technology at Long Beach Memorial and St. Mary Medical Centers, and*

*Whereas, through the years other activities of the Long Beach group with its Sister City of Yokkaichi have included official visits by various delegations, pen pal programs, art exchanges, photo contests, book donations and several sporting events,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Bob Foster, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby commend Mayor Tetsuo Inoue and the City of Yokkaichi, Japan for the support of these programs.*



  
 Bob Foster  
 MAYOR

Dated: August 3, 2006