



Legislation Text

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Accepting the gift of travel expenses from Visit Saint Paul, the Ecolab Foundation, the John and Ruth Huss Foundation, and others for Mayor Chris Coleman, Director of Arts and Culture Joe Spencer, Parks Landscape Designer Alice Messer, and Finance Director Todd Hurley for an official delegation to Nagasaki, Japan and Changsha, China from October 5 through October 12, 2015 for the purpose of reaffirming our partnership and our friendship as sister cities.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul enjoys longstanding sister city relationships with the Cities of Nagasaki, Japan, and Changsha, China; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman will be leading a delegation and official visit to Nagasaki, Japan and Changsha, China from October 5 through October 12, 2015 for the purpose of reaffirming our partnership and our friendship; and

WHEREAS, Sister City Delegation visits serve a public purpose of expanding opportunities in the realm of Education, Arts and Culture, Business, and Inter-government Exchange; and

WHEREAS, 2015 Marks the 60th year of Sister City Friendship with Nagasaki, and over 25 years of Sister City Friendship with Changsha; and

WHEREAS, Visit Saint Paul, with generous philanthropic support from Ecolab Foundation, John and Ruth Huss Foundation, and others, has offered to pay for travel expenses (travel, food, accommodations, official gifts) totaling \$20,000 for Mayor Coleman, Director of Arts and Culture Joe Spencer, Parks Landscape Designer Alice Messer, and Finance Director Todd Hurley; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby accepts the gifts of Visit Saint Paul, Ecolab Foundation, John and Ruth Huss Foundation, and others and appropriates them for the travel expenses of for Mayor Coleman, Director of Arts and Culture Joe Spencer, Parks Landscape Designer Alice Messer, and Finance Director Todd Hurley for the official visit to Nagasaki Japan and Changsha, China; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City finds that this appropriation serves the public purposes of the advancement of trade, education, arts/culture and intergovernmental relations between the citizens and officials of the cities; and

FINALLY RESOLVED, that on behalf of the City of Saint Paul, the Council extends its thanks and appreciation to Visit Saint Paul and all those who support these efforts for their generosity and public service in this matter.