

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Seattle and Gdynia, Poland established a sister city relationship in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Seattle and Gdynia sister city relationship is to promote educational, cultural, business and charitable exchanges between the City of Gdynia and the greater Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Washington Business Week to recognize their potential as successful employees, employers and community members, area high school students will participate in a week-long program on business management skills; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between the City of Gdynia and the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association will allow youth from Gdynia to also attend the Washington Business Week program; and

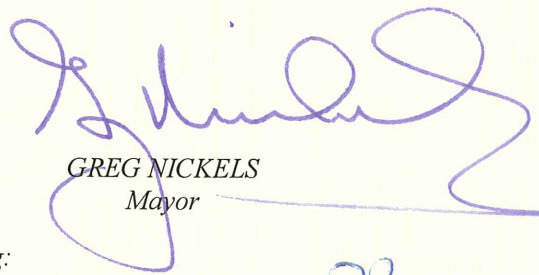
WHEREAS, due to the successful experiences of these students, Gdynia Mayor Wojciech Szczurek and the City of Gdynia will sponsor a Washington Business Week program for 100 Gdynia students and five Seattle students in Gdynia during the week of August 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Seattle and Gdynia, and the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association hope that this program will lead to the establishment of a long-term relationship between Washington Business Week, Polish and Seattle-area sponsoring corporations and the students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, The Seattle City Council concurring, do hereby proclaim August 16-22, 2009 to be

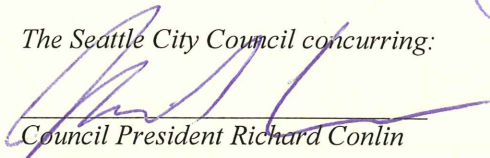
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in Seattle, and we hereby urge citizens to join us in celebrating 18 years of exchanges and to support efforts that continue to broaden and strengthen our friendship in the coming years.

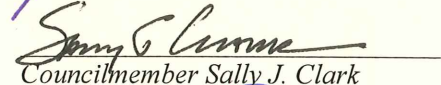


GREG NICKELS
Mayor

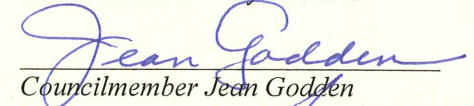
The Seattle City Council concurring:



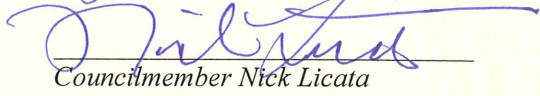
Council President Richard Conlin



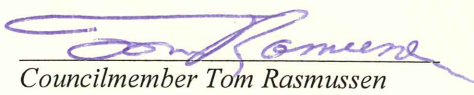
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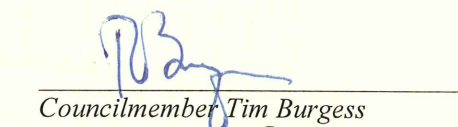
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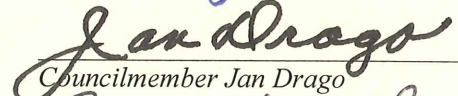
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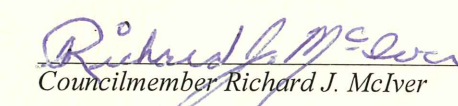
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