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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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March 31, 2020

The Honorable Katushiro Akimoto  
Mayor of City of Sapporo  
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Dear Mayor Akimoto,

On behalf of the City of Portland, please accept our deep sympathy for the lives impacted in the wake of COVID-19. We recognize that our sister city partnership is driven by the many volunteers and government officials whose lives have been affected, directly or indirectly, by the pandemic.

COVID-19 has escalated at an alarming rate. On March 12, 2020, the City of Portland declared a State of Emergency to aid in the containment and mitigation of COVID-19. The City of Portland has put in place measures to ensure the safety of all our residents and we continue to adapt to the evolving situation. We also recognize your leadership in implementing similar contingency plans and measures for your community. As a sister city, we're committed to continuing to foster goodwill, especially during times such as these.

While this global pandemic is causing a great deal of uncertainty and cities across the world are facing unprecedented challenges, it is precisely in these times that we are reminded that we are all in this together. As we move through the difficult days and weeks ahead, your city will be in our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler  
Mayor

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