

**City of Abilene
State of Kansas**

Proclamation

Omitama, Japan – Celebrating 20 Years

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Kansas, and the City of Omitama, Japan have shared a meaningful international relationship for the past twenty years, grounded in mutual respect, cultural exchange, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has fostered greater understanding between our communities, strengthened ties across borders, and provided opportunities for cultural, educational, and civic collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Omitama has been a valued partner to the City of Abilene, and this relationship reflects our shared commitment to cooperation, goodwill, and global connection; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-year milestone represents not only a celebration of the past, but also an opportunity to reaffirm our dedication to continued partnership, communication, and mutual support in the years ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas, does hereby congratulate the City of Omitama, Japan, on twenty years of partnership and friendship, and proudly affirms the City of Abilene's continued commitment to maintaining and strengthening this valued relationship.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City of Abilene extends its sincere appreciation to the people and leadership of Omitama for their friendship and collaboration, and looks forward to many more years of shared understanding and cooperation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Abilene to be affixed this 9th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC, City Clerk

Brandon Rein, Mayor