



January 15, 2019

Greetings,

On behalf of the people of Salt Lake City, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 13th Annual Nihon Matsuri. This is one of many cultural festivals that take place in the Capital City. Members of the various Japanese organizations are honored to share their culture and traditions with their neighbors. The diversity found within our community is what makes our City so great!

There is great significance in hosting the festival on Japantown Street (100 South) between 200 West and 300 West. Dating back to the early 1900s to 1966, vibrant Japanese businesses once existed on this block to Main Street. The only two buildings that remain standing from Japantown are the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and the Japanese Church of Christ. These two religious sanctuaries serve as a place to worship and gather for the community members across the Wasatch Front.

I invite you to make time in your day to experience this festival – entertainment, historical exhibits, children's activities, Japanese kimono fashion show, traditional tea ceremony, a variety of delicious Japanese food items, and much more!

We are so proud to have the Nihon Matsuri take place in downtown Salt Lake City. Enjoy the festival with your family and friends!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline M. Biskupski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jacqueline M. Biskupski
Mayor