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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-159 RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING Mayor Bob Stephens and Councilmembers Jan Fisk and Phyllis
2 Ferguson, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to visit our Sister City
3 of Isesaki, Japan in October 2016, to participate in the Thirtieth
4 Anniversary Celebration and to reiterate the City of Springfield's
5 Sister City relationship.
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8 WHEREAS, the City of Springfield and the City of Isesaki, Japan, entered into a
9 Sister City relationship on July 18, 1986; and
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11 WHEREAS, since that time, both cities have enjoyed multiple exchanges of
12 cultural and educational events, which have proven to be extremely beneficial to the
13 citizens of both cities; and
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15 WHEREAS, the City of Isesaki, Japan, has planned a special Thirty Year
16 Anniversary Celebration of the Sister City relationship between our communities, and
17 has extended an invitation to the City of Springfield to send a delegation; and
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19 WHEREAS, this event will provide the Mayor and Councilmembers with the
20 opportunity to speak to the citizens of Isesaki at the signing ceremony to highlight the
21 Sister City relationship and the opportunities it affords to the citizens of both cities; and
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23 WHEREAS, the City of Isesaki sent both Master Gardeners and funding for the
24 restoration of the Japanese Stroll Garden following the ice storm in 2007; and
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26 WHEREAS, the City of Springfield, following the major earthquake and tsunami
27 in Japan in 2011, raised and sent to the City of Isesaki the sum of \$54,000 for aid; and
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29 WHEREAS, this will be an opportunity for Mayor Stephens and Councilmembers
30 to meet with the Mayor and top staff members in Isesaki to reiterate our Sister City
31 relationship and discuss additional ways for collaborating on behalf of the citizens of
32 Springfield; and

33 WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the value of this relationship and the
34 benefits it brings to our community.

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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
37 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

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39 Section 1 – The City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Bob Stephens and
40 Councilmembers Jan Fisk and Phyllis Ferguson, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to
41 visit our Sister City of Iseaki, Japan, for the Thirty Year Anniversary Celebration of the
42 Sister City relationship, and further authorizes payment of all such necessary expenses
43 incurred by the Mayor by said attendance, and further authorizes payment of half of all
44 such necessary expenses incurred by Councilmembers Ferguson and Fisk.

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46 Section 2 – This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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48 Passed at meeting: _____

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53 Mayor

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55 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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57 Filed as Resolution: _____

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59 Approved as to form: *Marvian Anderson*, Interim City Attorney

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61 Approved for Council action: *Bob W. Stephens*, Deputy City Manager

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EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO: 2016- 159

FILED: June 23, 2016

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

PURPOSE: To authorize Mayor Bob Stephens and Councilmembers Jan Fisk and Phyllis Ferguson, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to visit our Sister City of Iseaki, Japan in October 2016, to participate in the Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration and to reiterate the City of Springfield's Sister City relationship.

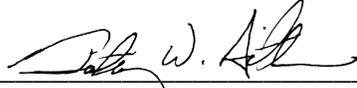
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1986, the City of Springfield and Iseaki, Japan, entered into a sister city relationship. Since that time, there have been several cultural exchanges between the two cities. This will be an opportunity for Mayor Stephens to speak at the Summer Festival in honor of the Thirtieth Anniversary of our Sister City relationship, for the Mayor and Councilmembers to meet with the Mayor and top staff members in Iseaki, Japan, and to reiterate our Sister City relationship and discuss additional ways for collaborating on behalf of the citizens of Springfield.

The airfare is \$1,221.56 per person. The cost for meals and lodging has not yet been finally determined. This resolution would authorize payment of airfare, meals and lodging for Mayor Stevens and for half of the costs for each of the Councilmembers.

Submitted by:



Anita Cotter, City Clerk



Timothy W. Smith, Deputy City Manager