

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation expressing the sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences of the people of Seattle to the people of Poland and our sister city of Gdynia.

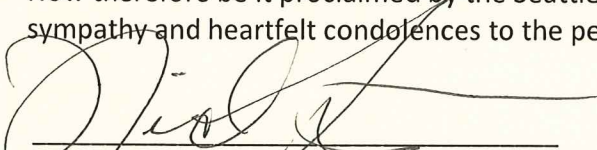
Whereas, the United States and Poland have a long history of friendly relations, including an alliance during World War 2, and the Polish people have maintained a vital and warm friendship and bond with the American people; and

Whereas, the activists of Solidarnosc not only gave the people of Poland freedom and democracy, but gave the rest of the world a spirit of a better tomorrow through demonstrating the power of standing up for one another; and

Whereas, on April 10, 2010 the President of the Republic of Poland, Lech Kaczynski, his wife and a group of current and former Polish statesmen and women were tragically lost in a plane crash in Smolensk, Russia on their way to honor the 22,000 Polish military and civic officials executed by the Soviet Secret police 70 years ago; and

Whereas, the City of Seattle and the City of Gdynia, Poland have an outstanding and successful Sister City relationship that has grown and nurtured true friendship and respect through people to people programs since April of 1993;


Now therefore be it proclaimed by the Seattle City Council that the people of Seattle express their sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the people of Poland and our sister city of Gdynia.




Councilmember Nick Licata (sponsor)




Council President Richard Conlin




Councilmember Sally Bagshaw



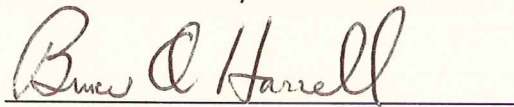
Councilmember Tim Burgess



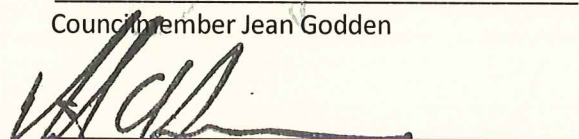
Councilmember Sally J. Clark




Councilmember Jean Godden



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