

JOINT DECLARATION
REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP AND AFFILIATION
BETWEEN
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.
AND
THE PREFECTURE OF HOKKAIDO, JAPAN


Whereas,
it was established on February 7, 1990 that the Massachusetts-Hokkaido Sister-State Affiliation would begin the exchange of education, culture, sports, industry, science and technology between the two states; and,

Whereas,
the signing of the Massachusetts-Hokkaido Sister-State Affiliation has since also provided the foundation for increased understanding, trust, cooperation and exchange between Massachusetts and Hokkaido; and,

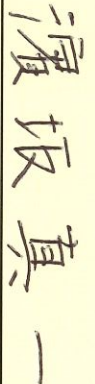
Whereas,
a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding has taken place and celebrated once every five years to maintain and strengthen the relationship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Prefecture of Hokkaido, as well as the United States of America and Japan; and,

Therefore,
in recognition of the 35th anniversary of their Sister-State relationship, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Prefecture of Hokkaido hereby reaffirm this special relationship, and promise to further encourage the collaboration which can contribute to the development of local communities across various fields, such as academia, education, and growth industry development, with an unwavering determination to advance the exchanges which leverage the unique qualities of both regions.

In witness, thereof,
this Joint Declaration is signed in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, on this 22nd day of October, of the year 2025.



Maura Healey
Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts



HAMASAKA Shinichi
Vice Governor
On Behalf of Governor SUZUKI Naomichi
Prefecture of Hokkaido