RESOLUTION NO. 2234

A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle authorizing the commencement of appropriate arrangements with Port of Kobe officials to effectuate a Sister-Port agreement.

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is the closest major United States seaport to Japan; and

WHEREAS, Kobe Port and Port of Seattle both enjoy the advantages of fine, natural, deep-water harbors; and

WHEREAS, direct tradéties have existed between the two ports since before the turn of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, for the past nine years the peoples of the City of Kobe and the City of Seattle have joined together the hands of friendship in a Sister-City relationship; and

WHEREAS, more recently, the advent of exchange visits by officials of both ports has brought about a closer understanding of port development problems and ambitions; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Port of Seattle Commission, its staff and the people of this port district to promulgate a continuance and acceleration of our present exchanges of friendship and understanding with the Port of Kobe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned Commissioners of the Port of Seattle:

That the Port of Seattle does hereby authorize the commencement of appropriate arrangements with Port of Kobe officials to effectuate a Sister-Port agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Commissioners agree to support, in every way possible, the ties of understanding and friendship through the facility and flow of commerce between our two ports and by the implementation of a Sister-Port relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Mayor, City Council and Port and Harbor Bureau Director of the City of Kobe, Japan.

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ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle this 9th day of August, 1966, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in its favor and with the seal of the Commission.

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Mine. H. Brikon

Port Commissioners