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The Japanese Church of Christ
268 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Greetings,

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all special guests, performers, and visitors to this year's *Nihon Matsuri*, Japanese Festival, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fun and unique events like this are just a sample of the rich contributions the Japanese community in Utah has made to our state's culture and history since the late 19th century. This particular celebration provides Utahns of every background a wonderful opportunity to learn about and appreciate Japanese arts, sports, music, food, and other cultural traditions. I am proud to be the governor of a state where these types of events, where the sharing of culture is encouraged, take place.

I offer thanks to festival committee members and dedicated volunteers whose tireless efforts make this event possible. Your commitment to preserve and transmit Japanese cultural heritage to future generations and your endeavor to share it with the entire community are commendable.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable *Nihon Matsuri*. May this festival be an enriching, entertaining, and uplifting experience!

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

