



OFFICE of the MAYOR  
JACKIE BISKUPSKI

April 28, 2018

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Nihon Matsuri. This is one of many cultural festivals that take place in Salt Lake City. Members of the various local Japanese organizations are honored to share their culture and traditions with their neighbors. The diversity found within our community is what makes our City great!

There is great significance to have the festival take place on Japantown Street (100 South) between 200 West and 300 West streets. Dating back to the early 1900s to 1966, vibrant Japanese businesses once existed on this block to Main Street. The only two buildings that remain standing from Japantown are the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and the Japanese Church of Christ. These two religious sanctuaries serve as a place to worship and gather for the community members across the Wasatch Front.

I invite you to make time in your day to experience this festival – entertainment, historical exhibits, children's activities, Japanese kimono fashion show, traditional tea ceremony, a variety of Japanese food items, and much more!

Salt Lake City is proud to have the Nihon Matsuri take place in downtown Salt Lake. Enjoy the festival with your family and friends.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline M. Biskupski".

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*Mayor*