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Governor's Greeting



I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all special guests, performers, and visitors to the eleventh annual *Nihon Matsuri*, Japan Festival, in Salt Lake City.

The Japanese community in Utah has made rich contributions to our state's culture and history since the late 19th century. This annual community celebration allows us to learn about and appreciate Japanese arts, sports, music, food, and other cultural traditions. Indeed, it enables us to embrace one of the many different cultures and people who make up our wonderful state, and build bridges of understanding between residents from diverse backgrounds.

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 the eleventh Japan Festival be an enriching, entertaining, and uplifting experience!

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor