



Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

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Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Week May 12-18, 1997

WHEREAS, the Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation (JSSCC) is welcoming the young artist delegation from Jinan, China as part of a cultural exchange visit to Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the JSSCC is a non-profit corporation formed in 1985 dedicated to promoting business, educational and cultural activities in order to foster friendship and understanding between our cities and countries; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City program is of great value to the City of Sacramento as demonstrated by promoting diversity, understanding of other cultures, especially through our children, the next generation of leaders; and

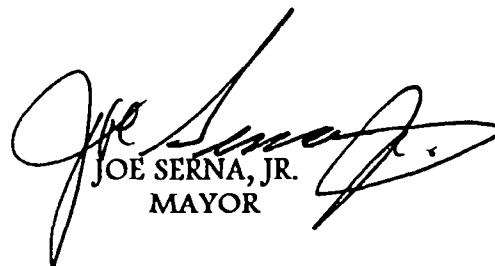
WHEREAS, on May 10-18, 1997, five young artists from Jinan's Children's Palace will be in Sacramento for our first Jinan cultural exchange project to participate in the celebration of "The Joys of Children and the Arts", as well as celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Sacramento Youth Symphony's most successful concert tour of China; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Palace is an after-school program for youngsters with exceptional artistic talent with this year's award-winners, ages 12-17, including performers on traditional musical instruments - the Erhu and Pipa, a folk singer, a dancer, and a calligrapher; and

WHEREAS, during their stay in Sacramento, the honorees spend a week sharing their talent and meeting with students in Sacramento area schools, appearing at the Pacific Rim Festival, as well as being featured with the Sacramento Youth Symphony at its Special 40th Anniversary Concert at Hiram Johnson High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor of the city of Sacramento, do hereby congratulate the The Children's Palace and its award-recipients recognizing their exceptional artistic talent and do hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 1997 to be Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Week in the city of Sacramento.

ISSUED: This 13th Day of May, 1997.


JOE SERNA, JR.
MAYOR