

The City of Millbrae, California

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Millbrae celebrates the right of women to be free from sexual enslavement and being used as a strategy of war; and

WHEREAS, the City of Millbrae remembers and honors the courage and resiliency of the victims of the largest sex trafficking in modern history, euphemistically called the "comfort women". During World War II, hundreds of thousands of girls and women were sex trafficked from more than 13 Asian countries under Imperial Japan's military "comfort women" system to be sex slaves of the Japanese military; and

WHEREAS, this dark history was hidden for over forty years until the "comfort women" survivors, came out and told the world what happened and demanded an apology and reparation from the Japanese government; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that today's Japanese society regrets the past actions of a warring society from the late 1800's until the defeat of Imperial Japan in 1945, and that the current society of Japan has taken steps to address and preclude the mistakes of the past; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the members of the Millbrae City Council, remember and honor the "comfort women" victims for their courage to break the silence, leading the way for the hundreds and thousands of victims of sexual violence to do the same so that history does not repeat itself.

Wayne J. Lee, Mayor

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