RESOLUTION 2011-052

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has close bonds with its sister city Nikko, Japan; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by the recent earthquakes, their aftershocks and the tsunami, coupled with the uncertainty posed by the condition of the nuclear reactors, and the ensuing disruption of normal power and water supplies, have affected the lives of residents throughout Japan; and

WHEREAS, four people have died in Nikko's environs; and

WHEREAS, the Nikko Sister City organization in Rapid City is raising funds to help in relief efforts, especially for displaced families from other communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City supports the efforts of the Sister City organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Rapid City Common Council that the City of Rapid City sends its condolences to the family, friends and neighbors of those impacted by the recent events, encourages the efforts of the Sister Cities organization, and offers its best wishes to the people of Nikko.

	Dated this	day of	, 2011.
			CITY OF RAPID CITY
			By: Alan Hanks, Mayor
ATTEST:			Alan Hanks, Mayor
Finance Officer	r		
(SEAL)			