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Mayor Okura and the people of Hiratsuka:

On behalf of the entire Lawrence community and the Lawrence City Commission, I would like to extend heartfelt thoughts, prayers and condolences to our friends in Hiratsuka and throughout the Japanese nation. The tragedy that has unfolded in your country from the earthquake and subsequent tsunami is something that few can begin to fathom. The Japanese people have shown great courage in this event despite great adversity.

I am grateful that only minor damage was reported in Hiratsuka. However, I am fully aware that this tragedy has touched millions of people in Japan and that almost no one has been spared loss in this tragedy. I have urged the citizens of Lawrence to find ways to help the global community and assist Japan as you begin the process of rebuilding your infrastructure and begin the healing process that will be necessary to cope with a disaster of this magnitude.

Every day, we view photos and images from the devastation in Japan. These images stand as a reminder that we are not alone in this world and that our community has created relationships that span oceans. I send my condolences and prayers to our Sister City in the Pacific. You are in our thoughts; please let us know what we can do to help.

Sincerely,

Mike Amyx
Mayor

