

To the Senators of the

Dated February 13, 1999

“SHINTANI WADO KAI KARATE FEDERATION”

I am a senior student of the late Hironori Ohtsuka, founder of Wado-Kai Karatedoh and was awarded my eighth and ninth dan certificates by him personally before he died.

The Shintani Wado Kai Karate Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Federation, was Incorporated to promote Wado-Kai Karatedoh. The Federation has my confidence that it will promote Karatedoh in a manner that Ohtsuka Sensei had planned. The Incorporation of the Federation is to further Wado Kai Karatedoh in memory of the founder Hironori Ohtsuka.

I, Masaru Shintani, Supreme Instructor, authorize the Senate of the Federation and my designated successor, to further the aims of Karatedoh in North America and to accept affiliations to the Federation, and further,

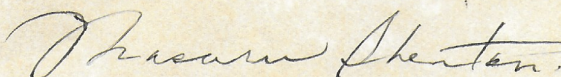
The Senate will:

- a) Have the authority through the Constitution and By-laws to set up committees to further the aims of the Federation and Karatedoh.
- b) Have the authority to perform dan gradings.
- c) Have the authority to award bona fide certificates of dan levels.
- d) Be encouraged to promote Wado-Kai and Wado Ryu Karatedoh throughout North America and elsewhere as time progresses.
- e) Organize and oversee the curriculum for all followers of Wado Kai Karatedoh practitioners.

This document will serve as ongoing proof that there is a continuous line of validity from the Federation and my designated successor to Ohtuska Sensei and this document may be copied and sent to whomever it is necessary to do so.


I hereby swear all the above to be true.

Yours in Harmony,



Masaru Shintani, Kudan




GERALD F. RUCH - As to the
signature of Masaru Shintani Kudan