



RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LYNNWOOD
WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER
CITY PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Sister City Program speaks directly to the City of Lynnwood's overall community vision; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lynnwood have demonstrated a desire to learn more about the people of other communities throughout the world and enhance international communication and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lynnwood wish to encourage educational, cultural, athletic, trade, tourism, business, technology, and governmental exchanges to help acquaint themselves with the diverse peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood wants to provide its citizens with opportunities that offer services and gain benefits from community projects of international scope; and

WHEREAS, Lynnwood's Sister City should be carefully selected to assure that these relationships will be educational, long-lasting and of maximum benefit for all; and

WHEREAS, Lynnwood's Sister City relationship should be based upon common interests and characteristics important to both Lynnwood and the Sister City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood pledges its support to the community for their creation of a Sister City Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood will coordinate the sponsorship of a Sister City with the Sister City International;

WHEREAS, the research and proposal for a Sister City Program was completed and presented to the City Council on June 18, 2014;

SECTION 1: GOALS OF THE LYNNWOOD SISTER CITY PROGRAM

The establishment of the Lynnwood Sister City Program should serve the following goals between the citizens of Lynnwood the citizens of the established Sister Cities:

1. Build people-to-people relationships;
2. Provide educational opportunities;
3. Promote international trade and tourism opportunities, including the exchange of business practices; and
4. Enhance the understanding of cultural awareness and sensitivity.

SECTION 2: SISTER CITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE & RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of Lynnwood Sister City Program Committee responsible for the Sister City Program will include:

- The Mayor;
- Executive representatives appointed by the Mayor;
- One member of the Lynnwood City Council;
- One member of Lynnwood's Diversity Commission;
- One member of Lynnwood's Arts Commission; and
- One citizen of the city of Lynnwood appointed by the Mayor and City Council

The Program Committee will be responsible for the following as documents are submitted from the citizens of Lynnwood requesting an establishment of a Sister City:

- Review documents to ensure that the goals and criteria for selection of a Sister City have been satisfied;
- Identify the international city and/or cities for a Lynnwood Sister City relationship;
- Make the recommendations to City Council;
- Develop a two-year work plan with expectations and deliverables;
- Confirm that a prospective Sister City does not have any Sister City affiliation with other cities in the United States; and
- Provide documentation of established Sister City relationships to Lynnwood's Historical Commission.

SECTION 3: CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF A SISTER CITY

Prior to the submittal of an international Sister City to the City of Lynnwood Sister City Program Committee, and in order to ensure a Sister City relationship that best meets the program's goals, the Committee will consider the following:

- Population, geographic location, and demographics
- Business, trade, and tourism
- Local population representative of sister city

- Existing linkages (e.g. University exchanges, business, cultural, and social organization ties, etc.)
- The proposed Sister City should have community support showing willingness to participate in the program
- Accessibility and transportation
- Humanitarian interests
- Economic factors
- Languages spoken; official language
- Major industries, educational institutions, social organizations, business vitality, and diversity
- Form of government
- History of diplomatic relations and the present degree of cooperation between the United States and foreign country

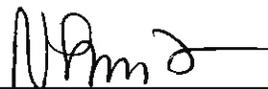
SECTION 4: PRIOR SISTER CITY RESOLUTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS

The provisions of Resolutions 85-6, May 28, 1958, including any prior Lynnwood Sister City relationships, is superseded by this Resolution and therefore such prior Resolutions and relationships are repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: that the City Council of the City of Lynnwood hereby supports the establishment of a Sister City Program, the objectives of the Lynnwood Sister City Program, the makeup of the Sister City Program Committee, the establishment of objectives, criteria and procedures for selection of a Sister City. Notwithstanding the above criteria, the approval of a Sister City Program, as the Lynnwood City Council may deem appropriate.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, this 26th day of May, 2015.

APPROVED:



 Nicola Smith, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



 Art Ceniza, Interim Finance Director/
 City Clerk

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