



LYNNWOOD
WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LYNNWOOD
WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE SISTER CITY PROGRAM AND
REPEALING RESOLUTION 85-6 AND 2015-10.**

WHEREAS, the Sister City Program speaks directly to the City of Lynnwood community vision; and

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

WHEREAS, a Sister City to Lynnwood shall 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 shall be based upon common interests and characteristics important to both Lynnwood and the Sister City; and

WHEREAS, Lynnwood pledges its support to the community in the creation of a Sister City Program, including a Friendship City relationship; and

WHEREAS, Lynnwood is a member of the Sister Cities International organization; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lynnwood supports the Sister City Program and its goals, the selection process, requirement and criteria, and the program committees and responsibilities; therefore,

41 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

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43 **SECTION 1: SISTER CITY PROGRAM**

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45 The Lynnwood Sister City Program is a long-term relationship between the City of Lynnwood and
46 a city in a country outside of the United States, which shall be officially recognized upon the
47 signing of an agreement by the elected Mayors to become Sister Cities.

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49 **SECTION 2: GOALS**

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51 The Lynnwood Sister City Program goals shall serve its community members and the people of
52 the established Sister City:

- 53 1. Build people-to-people relationships;
54 2. Provide educational opportunities;
55 3. Promote economic development, trade and tourism opportunities; and
56 4. Strengthen diversity and enhance the understanding of cultural awareness
57 and sensitivity.

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59 **SECTION 3: COMMITTEES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

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61 The Lynnwood Sister City Program shall be guided by two committees and responsible for the
62 following:

63 1) Sister City Selection Committee shall be responsible for the selection of a
64 Lynnwood Sister City. The committee shall include:

- 65 • Executive representatives appointed by the Mayor
66 • One Councilmember
67 • One member of Lynnwood's Diversity Commission
68 • One member of the Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce
69 • President of the Lynnwood Sister Cities Association

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71 2) Sister City Working Committee shall be responsible for building and sustaining the
72 operations of the program. The committee shall include:

- 73 • Executive representatives appointed by the Mayor
74 • Councilmember liaison with a 2-year term
75 • Lynnwood Sister Cities Association members

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77 **SECTION 4: REQUIREMENT, SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA OF A SISTER CITY**

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79 City residency and/or owning a business located in Lynnwood is a requirement of the applicant
80 and/or one of the applicants.

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82 At the discretion of the Mayor and/or upon the request of community member(s), the selection
83 process of a Sister City shall include:

- 84 • A public notice seeking interest in a Sister City;
- 85 • A completed application for a Sister City with a letter of interest from the Office of the
- 86 Mayor and/or an equivalent office;
- 87 • A public comment opportunity; and
- 88 • A public notice advising the selected Sister City.

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90 The criteria to select a Sister City shall consider the following:

- 91 • Population, geographic location, and demographics;
- 92 • Business, trade, and tourism;
- 93 • Existing linkages, e.g. University exchanges, business, cultural, and social organization
- 94 ties, etc.;
- 95 • Accessibility and transportation;
- 96 • Humanitarian interests;
- 97 • Economic factors;
- 98 • Official language;
- 99 • Major industries, educational institutions, social organizations, and business vitality;
- 100 • Form of government;
- 101 • History of diplomatic relations and the present degree of cooperation between the
- 102 United States and foreign country; and
- 103 • Lynnwood population of its community members and community support.

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105 **SECTION 5: FRIENDSHIP CITY**

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107 Within the Sister City Program, a Friendship City shall be a relationship between the City of
108 Lynnwood and local community members of their country of origin. A Friendship City shall:

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- 110 • Be at the discretion of the Mayor;
- 111 • Be considered upon request of community members who have City residency and/or
- 112 own a business located in Lynnwood;
- 113 • Be acknowledged by a City proclamation;
- 114 • Have no signing of any government agreements to become a Friendship City;
- 115 • Require no Friendship City selection process; and
- 116 • Take part in the Sister City Working Committee.

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118 **SECTION 6: PRIOR SISTER CITY RESOLUTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS**

119 The provisions of Resolution 85-6 and 2015-10 are repealed by this Resolution.

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121 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, this 3rd
122 day of March 2020.

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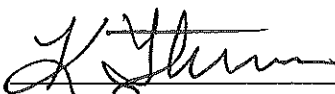
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