

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-471**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
6 SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL ON 66 YEARS OF
7 SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL
8 UNDERSTANDING AND ENGAGEMENT AND CONGRATULATING
9 THE JACKSONVILLE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION FOR
10 55 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN THE CAUSE OF
11 CITIZEN DIPLOMACY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Sister Cities International is celebrating its 66th
14 anniversary in 2022, and the City of Jacksonville is a member of
15 Sister Cities International and supports international engagement and
16 grassroots citizen diplomacy; and

17 **WHEREAS**, U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his address to
18 the 1956 White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy described how citizen
19 efforts in the cause of international understanding and cooperation
20 could help bring about peace, which is more important than ever; and

21 **WHEREAS**, 21st century world political and economic conditions
22 demand new thinking and new concepts aimed at greater international
23 commitment and involvement by citizens and local governments; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Sister Cities Association has had an
25 active program since 1967, engaging in meaningful cultural,
26 governmental, and business exchanges with Jacksonville's eight sister
27 cities: Bahia Blanca, Argentina; Changwon City, South Korea;
28 Curitiba, Brazil; Murmansk, Russia; Nantes, France; Nelson Mandela
29 Bay Municipality, South Africa; San Juan, Puerto Rico and Yingkou
30 China, as well as three Chinese Friendship Cities of Ningbo, Shaoxing
31 and Suzhou, enriching the cultural fabric of our city and our

1 understanding of other peoples and cultures; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Sister Cities International Southeastern Conference
3 will be held in Jacksonville from July 19-22, 2022 in celebration of
4 the 55th anniversary of Jacksonville's Sister Cities Association; now
5 therefore

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

7 **Section 1.** The City hereby commends and congratulates
8 Sister Cities International on 66 years of service to the cause of
9 international understanding and engagement, and congratulates the
10 Jacksonville Sister Cities Association for 55 years of outstanding
11 efforts in the cause of citizen diplomacy. Both agencies have
12 contributed greatly to the cause of international understanding and
13 peace and have afforded the City of Jacksonville the opportunity to
14 become a recognized and active participant among the ranks of cities
15 of the world.

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

26 Office of General Counsel

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