

Introduced by Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Newby & Howland:

RESOLUTION 2022-471-A

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL ON 66 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND ENGAGEMENT AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSONVILLE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION FOR 55 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN THE CAUSE OF CITIZEN DIPLOMACY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is celebrating its 66th anniversary in 2022, and the City of Jacksonville is a member of Sister Cities International and supports international engagement and grassroots citizen diplomacy; and

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

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

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

1 and Suzhou, enriching the cultural fabric of our city and our
2 understanding of other peoples and cultures; and

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

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

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

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

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26 /s/ Lawsikia J. Hodges

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