

**RESOLUTION NO. 528**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION.**

WHEREAS, the Sister City concept was initiated in 1956 by then U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower to establish greater friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower's Sister City concept is generally administered by Sister Cities International which serves as a national membership organization for cities, counties, and states across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shoreline affirms the importance of learning about other cultures and enhancing international communication and understanding; and

WHEREAS, to support this affirmation, the City Council encourages the formation of a non-profit association, the Shoreline Sister Cities Association, to administer a Sister City program on behalf of the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, in further support of this affirmation, the City Council may consider the allocation of annual funding and the establishment of a Sister Cities policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1. Shoreline Sister Cities Association.**

- A. The City Council of the City of Shoreline encourages members of the Shoreline community to form a Shoreline Sister Cities Association (SSCA).
- B. The City Council envisions that the mission of the SSCA will be to promote the City of Shoreline as an ambassador of international friendship and goodwill and will seek to accomplish this mission through student, educational, cultural, and economic development exchanges with designated sister cities so as to create international partnerships that benefit the City of Shoreline and support Shoreline's community, cultural, economic, and educational activities.
- C. Prior to the City Council considering providing funds to assist the SSCA or the establishment of a Sister Cities policy, the SSCA must be organized as a non-profit association under the laws of the State of Washington and seek to be a charitable organization under the provisions of the United States' Internal Revenue Code, with a board of directors, adopted bylaws, a membership and volunteer program, and a business and budget plan.

D. The City Council encourages the established SSCA to be a member of Sister Cities International.

**Section 2. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and/or the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Resolution, including the corrections of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.

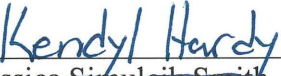
**Section 3. Severability.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Shoreline.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 12, 2024.**

  
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Mayor Christopher Roberts

**ATTEST:**

  
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~~Jessica Simulcik Smith~~  
City Clerk *Deputy*

Effective Date: August 12, 2024