

RESOLUTION NO. 060507

PASSED September 25, 2006

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida recognizing the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region as a Sister City of the City of Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Gainesville, Florida, desire to begin a long standing friendship and association with the citizens of the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region; and

WHEREAS, a group has formed an organization, under the auspices of the Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation (hereinafter the "Gainesville Sister City Program"), called the Gainesville/Duhok Sister City Program; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville/Duhok Sister City Program has the support of the Gainesville Sister City Program and other Gainesville community leaders; and

WHEREAS, informal discussions have already been held between the Gainesville Sister City Program and the governor of Duhok, who has stated in a letter dated May 31, 2006: "We are honored to start this partnership between our communities..."; and

WHEREAS, to formally implement the Gainesville/Duhok Sister City Program, the City of Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A. desires to especially recognize the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region, as a Sister City of Gainesville so that people of both cities will communicate with one another and aid in the development of mutual friendships and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Gainesville City Commission hereby recognizes the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region, as a Sister City of the City of Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A. under a program to be administered by the Gainesville Sister City Program.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement for the Sister City Relationship Between the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region and the City of Gainesville, Florida, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 'A'.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2006.




Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor

ATTEST:



Kurt Lannon
Clerk of the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Marion J. Radson
City Attorney

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