

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 11 – 1349**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO JOIN SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT A SISTER CITY PROGRAM IN PROSSER AND BRING BACK AN ORDINANCE FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL CREATING A SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Prosser have demonstrated a desire to learn more about the people of other cities throughout the world and enhance international communication and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Prosser wish to encourage educational, cultural, trade, economic development, tourism, technical, governmental and other kinds of exchanges to help acquaint themselves with the diverse peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wish to provide citizens of Prosser with opportunities to give service to and derive benefit from community projects of international scope; and

WHEREAS, each of Prosser's sister city relationships should be based upon common interest and characteristics important to both Prosser and the sister city; and

WHEREAS, the fact sheet attached hereto as exhibit "A" describes the benefits to be obtained by Prosser by joining Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of Prosser to join Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully enjoy all of the benefits of sister city relationships, it is necessary to form a committee separate from the City, which can accept dues and donations and provide for certain costs that the City is prohibited from paying;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSSER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to take all action necessary for Prosser to join Sister Cities International, including, but not limited to, applying for membership and paying membership fees.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to take all action necessary to implement a Sister Cities program in the City of Prosser, including, but not limited to, drafting a Sister Cities Affiliations Policy for adoption by the City Council, by Resolution.

3. As part of implementing the Sister City program in Prosser, the Mayor, or his designee, shall prepare a draft Ordinance for City Council consideration creating a Sister City Association, to be administered by the Prosser Economic Development Association, within six months from the date of this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this 17th day of April, 2011.


MAYOR PAUL WARDEN

ATTEST:


RAHCEL SHAW, CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


HOWARD SAXTON, CITY ATTORNEY