

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 11 – 1350**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPALITY OF VANI AS PROSSER'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL SISTER CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VANI MUNICIPALITY TO FORMALIZE THAT RELATIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, Vani Municipality (Vani) is a collection of towns and villages, with a total population of approximately 30,000, located in west-central Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Vani and the City 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, Georgia is credited with inventing wine over 7,000 years ago, and the country is home to more than 500 wine grape varieties of the more than 3,000 grown in the world; and

WHEREAS, the likely partnerships include providing technical assistance to Vani in a number of sectors, Prosser having the opportunity to study and learn from Georgian urban design and architecture as it develops its community design guidelines, partnerships around tourism promotion, university partnerships around wine, and potential industry partnerships around wine and brandy production; and

WHEREAS, Prosser is often called the birthplace of the Washington Wine Industry; and

WHEREAS, as Vani and Georgia develop and continue to emerge into the global economy, the partnership is likely to blossom into something more lucrative for both communities and their industries; and

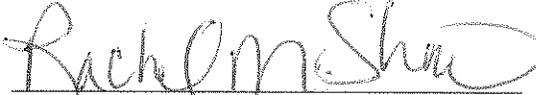
WHEREAS, Vani and the City of Prosser share common interests and characteristics created by the wine economy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON, that the Municipality of Vani, Georgia is hereby established as Prosser's first international sister city effective the date Prosser becomes a member of Sister Cities International, and the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to sign an agreement with the Vani Municipality to formalize that relationship provided that such agreement does not obligate the City to expend City funds by its terms.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this 12th day of April, 2011.


MAYOR PAUL WARDEN

ATTEST:


RACHEL SHAW, CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



HOWARD SAXTON, CITY ATTORNEY