

Resolution No. 2001-26

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, authorizing the formation and establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Lakewood, Lakewood, Washington, U.S.A., and Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood, Washington, U.S.A. and Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan, following careful research, exchange of information, several student and art exchanges, video conferences, and mutual visits, have expressed a mutual interest in forming a sister city relationship; and,

WHEREAS, after careful review of each community's characteristics, future plans and citizens support for a sister city bond, the City of Lakewood, Lakewood, Washington and Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan pledge to support a sister city relationship between the two cities; and,

WHEREAS, the formation and establishment of a sister city relationship would encourage exchanges beneficial to both cities and create better international understanding and goodwill between the citizens of the two communities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood, through the Lakewood Sister Cities Association, and Okinawa City pledge to facilitate this relationship; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood and Okinawa City mutually agree to promote and provide opportunities for citizens of the two cities through the development of cultural, educational, economic and social exchanges.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That the formation of a sister city relationship between the City of Lakewood, State of Washington, U.S.A., and Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan, is hereby approved, and the City Manager or designee is authorized to take such steps as are necessary and conducive of the formation and establishment of such sister city relationship.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of October, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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