



Embassy of Ethiopia

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City of Madison Common Council,

Madison WI, USA

RE: Proposed Madison – Bahir Dar Sister City Relationship

It is with great sense of appreciation that, I welcome and fully support the initiative to establish a sister city relationship between the City of Madison and Bahir Dar.

Ethiopia has a long standing and strong ties to United States for more than a century. The Ethiopian Embassy continues to serve and strengthening that tie between the two countries by promoting government-to-government and people-to-people diplomacy and relations. With ever before connected world that we live in, I truly believe that a Sister City relationship can promote cultural understandings, opportunities for global education, and economic development opportunities for both cities and the regions.

With active involvements of our two peoples and communities, such a sister city relationship will open the flood gates for working together collaboratively between our universities, private and public partners. The Ethiopian Embassy is fully supportive and encourages this Sister City relationship between Bahir Dar and Madison and friendships between our peoples.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the group Madison Ethiopian residents, and friends of Bahir Dar who worked and advocated to establish the Sister City Relationship between the cities of Madison and Bahir Dar and look forward to achievement.



Sincerely

Kassa Tekleberhan Gebrehiwet
Ambassador
Special Envoy, Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic
Republic of Ethiopia