



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation is required.

### **Title**

Resolution Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Program in Madison, Wisconsin

### **Body**

This resolution recognizes the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Program and celebrates the rich cultural and economic benefits that the City of Madison and its Sister Cities throughout the world bring to each other.

WHEREAS, in 1988, Madison signed its first Sister City collaboration agreements with the cities of Arcatao, El Salvador; Managua, Nicaragua; Vilnius, Lithuania; and Freiburg, Germany, as a gesture of friendship and for the exchange of ideas and cultural activities among our cities; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Madison Common Council Resolution 44907 officially established the Sister City Program, believing in the strength of person-to-person ties and how those relationships help to create better understanding among the cultures and citizens of our Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Program's purpose is to develop areas of mutual interest and involvement with our Sister Cities in the areas and culture, art, business, technology, education, sports, or humanitarian endeavors; and

WHEREAS, since 1988 Sister City relationships have been established with the cities of Camaguey, Cuba (1994); Mantova, Italy (2001); Ainaro, East Timor (2002); Obihiro, Japan (2003); and Tepatitlan, Mexico (2012);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby honor and recognize the volunteers of the individual Sister City Programs and their counterparts around the world, and further encourage them to engage the citizens of Madison in on-going beneficial relationships through the activities of Sister City Programs.