

SUBMITTED BY: Alma Andrade, City Clerk

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Mayor Jose Grijalva

FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

**ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS:**

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1730**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the execution of a formal **SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT** with the **CITY** of **CANANEA, SONORA, MEXICO**, for **MUTUAL COOPERATION** between both cities; and establishing an effective date.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas seek to initiate a formal Sister City Agreement with the City of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico for mutual cooperation between both cities.

BACKGROUND:

Since the incorporation of the Binational meetings with the Sonoran cities, consideration has always been carried out on an informal basis in trying to help each other with marketing efforts for any civic events and on the focus areas listed below.

Recently, both Mayor Grijalva and Mayor Gonzalez Tapia have agreed to take the necessary steps to formalize a Sister City Agreement. The City of Cananea approved this agreement on November 26, 2025.

This Sister City Agreement initially would focus on the following areas:

- a) International Trade, Commerce and Foreign Investment
- b) Regional Economic Development
- c) Civil and Infrastructure Improvements
- d) Arts, Culture, and History
- e) Sports
- f) Tourism
- g) Public Safety
- h) Technology & Global Competiveness
- i) Environment
- j) Any other area of cooperation that the Parties may agree upon

DISCUSSION:

This agreement also stipulates that both municipalities will meet on an annual basis in an effort to review, share, and evaluate the results of the agreement as well to propose the development of new guidelines and programs of mutual interest.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-1730.”