

RESOLUTION NO. 20-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK JOINING SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AND PROPOSING SISTER CITYHOOD WITH CERTAIN CITIES**

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit which serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the U.S.;

WHEREAS, this network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in 545 communities with over 2,100 partnerships in 145 countries on six continents;

WHEREAS, joining Sister Cities International will provide the City of Forest Park with access to the Sister Cities International directory of members and professional diplomatic and protocol services;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the City of Forest Park enter into Sister City relationships with the cities of Mirebalais, Haiti; Yene, Senegal; and Mankessim, Ghana;

WHEREAS, participating in Sister Cities International and having Sister City relationships with these cities will provide Forest Park residents an opportunity learn from and engage with the global community;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that participating in Sister Cities International is in the best interest of the City and its citizens, and is necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the authority to participate in Sister Cities International and to fund programs in connection therewith is among the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all powers granted under Section 1.13(41) of the City Charter;

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

**SECTION 1. Authorization to Participate in Sister Cities International.** The Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park hereby authorize the City staff to take all necessary and appropriate measures to participate in Sister Cities International.

**SECTION 2. Approval of Sister City Affiliations.** The Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park hereby approve the establishment of Sister City affiliations with the cities of Mirebalais, Haiti; Yene, Senegal; and Mankessim, Ghana.

**SECTION 3. Public Record.** This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

**SECTION 4. Authorization of Execution.** The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

**SECTION 5. Attestation.** The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

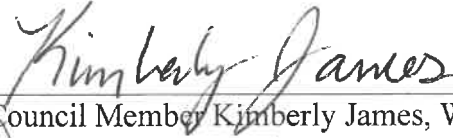
**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

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SO RESOLVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.




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Mayor Angelyne Butler



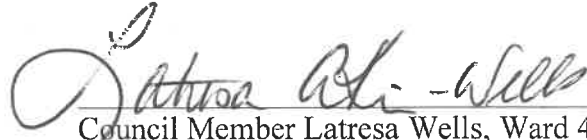
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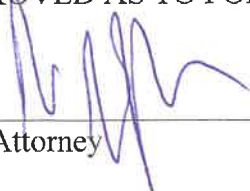
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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Attorney