Reaffirmation of Sister Cities Agreement

Between Toledo, Spain and Toledo, Ohio

June 1997

Whereas, the undersigned, and each pursuant to their officially designated and representative capacity, are authorized to reaffirm the long-standing Sister City relationship between Toledo, Spain and Toledo, Ohio, USA; and

Whereas, Toledo, Ohio was founded in 1837 in honor of Toledo, Spain, and received the first delegation from Toledo, Spain in 1876, which has resulted in cooperation between the two cities in the areas of economic, educational, and cultural development; and

Whereas, since 1992, the Sister Cities Program of Toledo, Ohio, USA has been led by an umbrella group, i.e. Toledo Sister Cities International, which now includes the Toledo Spain Alliance, which serves as the official contact from Toledo, Ohio to Toledo, Spain; and

Whereas, in furtherance thereof, the undersigned express herein our continued commitment to the long-standing friendship between Toledo, Spain and Toledo, Ohio; based on mutually beneficial economic, educational, and cultural exchange; and

Whereas, in furtherance of the above-stated, the undersigned commit to the continuation of the spirit of person-to-person interconnections, toward the goals of the Sister Cities movement for international peace and cooperation, and the Sister Cities relationship between Toledo, Spain and Toledo, Ohio which is among the oldest, if not the oldest, in the world; NOW, THEREFORE,

The undersigned, as Mayors of our respective cities, reaffirm the Sister Cities relationship between Toledo, Spain and Toledo, Ohio, USA and welcome the citizens of Toledo, Spain and Toledo, Ohio, USA to celebrate our historic and enduring friendship, so that our cities continue to be linked by a mutual spirit of cooperation, caring, and respect.

Carleton S. Finkbeiner
Mayor
City of Toledo, USA

Agustin Bajen
Mayor
City of Toledo, Spain
RESOLUTION NO. 37-97

Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Toledo to officially execute a Joint Sister Cities Declaration with the City of Toledo, Spain; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, a sister city relationship between the City of Toledo, Ohio and the City of Toledo, Spain has existed and endured, DE FACTO, for over sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship between Toledo, Ohio and Toledo, Spain merits DE JURE recognition and declaration; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship between Toledo, Ohio and Toledo, Spain can be strengthened and fostered via official documentation; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Toledo is hereby authorized to execute the attached Joint Sister Cities Declaration which shall also be executed at the appropriate time by the Mayor of the City of Toledo, Spain.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor, with the assistance of Toledo Sister Cities International, shall coordinate and sponsor the appropriate signing ceremony between the two sister cities.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to and shall send copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of Toledo, Spain, Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C., the Embassy of Spain in the U.S. and the U.S. Embassy in Spain.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its adoption. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective in order to recognize and declare officially the sister city relationship that has existed for sixty-five years between Toledo, Ohio and Toledo, Spain.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 11, nays 0.

Passed: May 27, 1997, as an emergency measure: yeas 11, nays 0.

ATTEST: Larry J. Brewer
Clerk of Council


I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Ordinance passed by Council on

May 27, 1997.

ATTEST: Larry J. Brewer
Clerk of Council

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Mayor, Toledo Spain  Sister Cities International
Embassy of Spain in the U.S.  U.S. Embassy in Spain  5-29-97