Proclamation

CITY OF ATLANTA
Office of the Mayor

"Cotonou, Benin Sister City Day"

Whereas, On Monday, July 17, 1995, the City of Atlanta, will sign a Sister Cities Agreement with Cotonou, Benin, the first city from the west African continent to sign such an Agreement with Atlanta, Georgia, USA; and

Whereas, Benin constitutes the model for the transition to democracy in Africa. It is the first African country to have held its second democratic multi-party legislative elections in April-May 1995; and

Whereas, Benin is located south of Niger and Burkina Faso on the Bay of Guinea in the south Atlantic Ocean. As a culturally diverse country, the five main ethnic groups are Fon, Yoruba, Mina, Bariba and Dendi.

Whereas, The Atlanta-Cotonou Sister Cities Agreement is the beginning of international friendship, economic growth and cultural awareness in Educational and Cultural Cooperation, Democratization, Urban Development, Healthcare, Youth Exchange, and other mutually beneficial areas.

Now, Therefore, I, Bill Campbell, Mayor of Atlanta, Host City of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games and on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, Georgia, USA, hereby proclaim, Monday, July 17, 1995, as "Cotonou, Benin Sister City Day" in our City.

Bill Campbell
Mayor
A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER SHEILA MARTIN BROWN

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF COTONU, BENIN TO
PARTICIPATE WITH ATLANTA AS ITS SISTER CITY FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CREATING GREATER MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR CITIES
AND NATIONS.

WHEREAS, the "People-to-People Program" was inaugurated by the
President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and
understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations
through the medium of direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS, all succeeding U.S. Presidents have endorsed said
Program, to be conducted for the broad purposes of the exchange of ideas and
people between the citizens of the United States of America and the peoples
of other nations; and

WHEREAS, to implement this Program, Atlanta and other
communities in the United States have been requested by the Town
Affiliation Association of the U.S., Inc., to affiliate with cities in other nations
of similar characteristics and mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta, through its City Council, does
recognize and endorse this Program with the hope that it will lead to a lasting
friendship between the people of Atlanta and Cotonu, Benin

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA as follows:

Section 1: That the Mayor and the City Council, on behalf of the
people of Atlanta, do hereby extend an invitation to the government and
people of Cotonu, Benin to participate with Atlanta as its Sister City for the
purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our
cities and nations.

Section 2: The Mayor is hereby authorized to act as official
representative of Atlanta to carry out this Program.

Section 3: That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and
Council of the City of Cotonu, Benin.

ADOPTED by the City Council
July 05, 1995

APPROVED by the Mayor
July 11, 1995