

RESOLUTION NO. 509

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE CITY OF JIANG YOU, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TO BECOME A SISTER CITY AND INVITING THE PEOPLE OF JIANG YOU, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TO PARTICIPATE IN SAID PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Sister City concept 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, the City Council approved Resolution 216 on May 3, 1999 establishing a Sister Cities Committee, defining its duties and identifying its membership, organization, and operations;

WHEREAS, the University Place Sister Cities Association incorporated on April 7, 2005 with a nine-member Board of Directors as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

WHEREAS, University Place Sister Cities Association has adopted Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Unanimous Organizational Consent of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University Place Sister Cities Association is exclusively charitable, scientific, literary or educational;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University Place Sister Cities Association is to promote international communication, education, and understanding, and to promote cultural, business and other exchanges between the citizens of University Place and citizens of foreign cities.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University Place Sister Cities Association is to engage in any other lawful activity which may hereafter be authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the purposes for which the corporation is formed shall at all times be consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as hereafter amended (the "Code"), including within such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University Place Sister Cities Association is to aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University Place Sister Cities Association is to do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments, or agencies;

WHEREAS, the City of University Place, through its Council, does recognize and endorse this program with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of University Place, and the people of Jiang You, People's Republic of China; NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That this Council, on behalf of the people of University Place, does hereby extend an invitation to the government and the people of the City of Jiang You, People's Republic of China, to participate with University Place as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

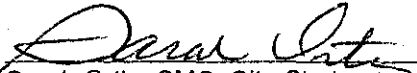
Section 2. The University Place Sister Cities Association is hereby authorized to act as the official representative of the City of University Place to carry out this program.

Section 3. That copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Mayor and Council of the City of Jiang You, People's Republic of China, Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C., the Embassy of People's Republic of China, and the U.S. Embassy in People's Republic of China.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.


Ken Grassi, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sarah Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk