

Resolution Number: 5740

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol Amending the Agreement with Sister City Takeo City, Japan to Become a Sister City and Inviting the People of Takeo City, to Participate in Said Program with the City of Sebastopol

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, with the intention of building world peace; and

WHEREAS, all succeeding U.S. Presidents have endorsed said program to be conducted for the broad purpose 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, the City of Sebastopol and other communities in the United States have been requested by Sister Cities International to affiliate with cities in other nations in similar characteristics and mutual interest and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Sebastopol and Takeo City in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol, through its City Council, does recognize and endorse this program with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the City of Sebastopol, U.S.A. and Takeo City, Japan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol agrees to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of arts and culture, education, sports, tourism, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol and Yamauchi-Machi, Japan have enjoyed a sister city relationship since 1985 and will continue said relationship with newly formed Takeo City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the people of Sebastopol, does hereby extend an invitation to the government and the people of the newly formed Takeo City, Japan to participate with Sebastopol as its Sister City for the purpose of creating mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to act as official representative for Sebastopol 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 Takeo City, Japan, Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C. the Embassy of Japan and the United States Embassy in Japan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol and Takeo City do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities and declare their intent to abide by these guidelines indefinitely according to Sister Cities International policies.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 17th day of March 2009.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by City of Sebastopol City Council following a roll call vote:

City of Sebastopol City Council:

Ayes: Councilmembers Robinson, Wilson, Shaffer, Vice Mayor Kelley and Mayor Glade Gurney

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVED: Sarah Glade Gurney
Sarah Glade Gurney, Mayor

ATTEST: Mary C. Gourley
Mary Gourley, City Clerk

SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

On Establishing Sister City Relations between the Cities of Takeo, Japan and Sebastopol, California, U.S.A.

We, representatives of the city governments of Takeo City, Japan, and Sebastopol, California (U.S.A.) are unanimous in our desire to promote mutual understanding between peoples and to live in peace and friendship. We are firmly convinced that friendly ties between our two committees will contribute to achieving these goals.

With this agreement, we solemnly proclaim Takeo City, Japan, and Sebastopol, California (U.S.A.) as sister cities with the common goals of developing understanding and respect between our two communities, as well as between the peoples of the United States and the peoples of Japan.

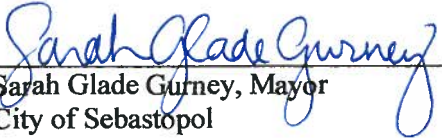
In line with this agreement, the cities will encourage the development of cultural and economic ties, mutual exchanges of youth, commercial, educational, sports, and other civic groups, and the strengthening of links between the institutions and public organizations of the two cities.

The people of both cities will freely exchange ideas, opinions and information.

The present agreement has been drawn up in both Japanese and English and both texts are equally authentic.

The agreement comes into effect from the moment of signing by representatives of the City Councils of Takeo City and Sebastopol.

SIGNED THIS 17th day of March, 2009.



Sarah Glade Gurney, Mayor
City of Sebastopol
California, U.S.A.

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March 18, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Keisuke Hiwatashi
Mayor of Takeo City
c/o Takeo City Hall
1-1 Showa, Takeo-cho
Takeo City, SAGA
JAPAN, 843-8639

Dear Honorable Mayor Hiwatashi:

It is with great pleasure that I invite the newly formed City of Takeo, Japan to enter into a sister city affiliation with the City of Sebastopol. This invitation is on behalf of the many citizens of our community who have come to know and love the City of Takeo and vote unanimously in favor of the affiliation.

As we look forward to the continued future of this alliance, we envision a growing awareness and appreciation of each other's culture and people. From small beginnings, we hope this partnership will continue for many generations, fostering educational, economic and professional exchanges. We look forward to the limitless possibilities of friendship.

Although this partnership must begin on an official basis between the governments of our two communities, we see the strength and vitality of this long-term association resting wholly in the hands of our citizen volunteers and participants. To this end, we have designated a group of men and women to enlist voluntary support in our community. We suggest that a similar body of individuals be assembled in you City.

We truly hope that the City of Takeo will take this opportunity to partner with our wonderful City.

Sincerely,

Sarah Glade Gurney
Mayor
City of Sebastopol