

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY FULTON

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF  
SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have identified economic development as a priority for the City of Sandy Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's adopted economic development plan outlines a goal of recruiting and sustaining international business investment to Sandy Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that Sister Cities programs strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development and have the potential to open doors to successful and long lasting business relationships between companies in both Cities, which can in turn provide mutual benefits to twinned communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is presented with an opportunity to establish a Sister Cities relationship with the Western Galilee Cluster, a multi-authority corporation consisting of eight to twelve local authorities and over 100,000 residents in Western Galilee; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Western Galilee Cluster is to advance the residents' standard of living and lead to economic and social growth over time, through physical, economic and welfare development of Western Galilee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to develop a Sister Cities' program and to explore a Sister Cities relationship with the Western Galilee Cluster; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sandy Springs has an existing working relationship with the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in coordinating economic development activities and the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce Foundation desires to be designated as the City's official entity to administer the Sandy Springs Sister Cities program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, while in regular session on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, at 6:00 p.m., that:

1. The City hereby adopts a Sister Cities program with the objectives to: (a) develop people-to-people relationships between the citizens of Sandy Springs and designated Sister Cities; (b) provide educational opportunities for Sandy Springs' citizens and the citizens of designated Sister Cities; (c) enhance Sandy Springs citizens' cultural awareness and sensitivity; and (d) develop and encourage economic development and tourism, and the exchange of business practices.

2. The City hereby designates the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce Foundation as the official entity to develop guidelines for and to administer the Sandy Springs Sister Cities program; however, the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce Foundation is not authorized to incur any expenses on behalf of the City without appropriate City approval.

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3. The City hereby authorizes the City Manager, or designee, and the City Attorney, or designee, to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with authorized representatives of the Western Galilee Cluster setting forth the terms of the twinning relationship, in substantially the form attached to this resolution.

4. The City hereby authorizes the City Manager, or designee, and the City Attorney, or designee, to make such revisions to the attached memorandum of understanding and to take such other actions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

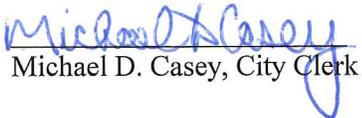
**RESOLVED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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