

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION TO PURSUE A FRIENDSHIP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS AND TAICANG CITIES**

WHEREAS, both Sandy Springs and Taicang are modern cities with tremendous development opportunities, with strong determination for the continuing improvement of our respective cities; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Springs and Taicang have in common populations with high aspirations, educational achievement, and open attitudes towards different people; and

WHEREAS, the people of Sandy Springs are eager to develop ties with the citizens of Taicang, and to learn of their culture; and

WHEREAS, the potential for economic development in both our cities holds out the promise of ever higher standards of living for the inhabitants of both our cities; and

WHEREAS, it is important to establish a foundation of trust between our two countries, and our cities, as a prerequisite for enhanced economic exchange; and

WHEREAS, the business community of Sandy Springs is united with our political leadership in pursuing close ties with the political and business leaders of Taicang.

THEREFORE, the City of Sandy Springs resolves to pursue a formal Friendship and Visitation Agreement with the City of Taicang.

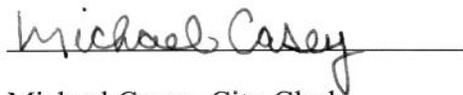
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2009.

Approved:



Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:



Michael Casey, City Clerk
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