

RESOLUTION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING -

AGREEMENT FOR A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN

JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, USA AND ACCRA, GHANA

WHEREAS, James City County, Virginia, USA and Accra, Ghana established a relationship through a Proclamation honoring our shared histories and united futures on June 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, both cities seek to enrich cultural understanding, create opportunities for professional and educational information exchange, promote tourism opportunities, and broaden cooperation to encourage goodwill between the localities; and

WHEREAS, James City County and Accra support the promotion of mutual understanding, expansion of official and non-governmental exchanges, and friendship through the promotion of peace, stability, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop a sister city relationship with cooperation between the two localities, both agree to support the relationship on the following terms:

1. To promote common prosperity and development, both localities will organize, on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and goodwill, cultural exchanges, contacts to support an electronic "pen pal" program for students, and other information sharing that may include art, business and commerce, culture, governmental administration, health and sports interests, history, science, technology, and other information sharing.
2. Citizens, civic, and business groups of each city are recognized as ambassadors of goodwill to organize cultural exchanges that may include the topics above.
3. Each locality shall organize cultural exchanges, to the extent possible, involving adults and students within the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
4. Each locality agrees to assume all costs of a visit to the sister city including accommodations, meals, and tours unless home stays and other accommodations are agreed upon in advance.
5. Cultural exchanges visit details and activities shall be cooperatively agreed upon by organizing citizens, civic, and business groups. Activities shall be provided with the objective to deepen cultural awareness and friendship between citizens, business leaders, and government officials.
6. The leaders and top-level department administrators of both localities shall maintain and facilitate open channels of communication to expedite consultation, exchange, and cooperation on questions of issues and common concern.

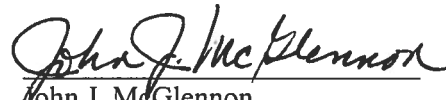
- 7. Both localities agree that all elements of the sister city relationship area to remain non-controversial and will maintain that historically controversial political issues play no part in this sister city relationship.
- 8. The effective term of this MOU shall be for five years following the date of execution of the memorandum. Prior to expiration of the MOU, the sister city relationship shall be reviewed by the governing bodies of the two localities to evaluate progress, as well as recommend whether the relationship shall continue.
- 9. This MOU represents the entire agreement between the localities. It may not be changed or modified without a resolution signed by the governing bodies of both localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Memorandum of Understanding is executed between the localities of James City County, Virginia, USA and Accra, Ghana. This MOU will promote the shared history and united future of the two localities.


Accra Metropolitan Assembly, Ghana
On its behalf

Mrs. Elizabeth Sackey (Mayor)

James City County, Virginia, USA
On its behalf


John J. McGlennon
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Teresa J. Saeed
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 26th day of July, 2022.

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