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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GREATER DES MOINES SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
 RECOMMENDATION OF ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH PRISTINA,
 KOSOVO**

WHEREAS, the Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission initiates, promotes, and facilitates community and economic development activities, including municipal, business, cultural, educational, professional, technical, scientific, environmental, youth, and other endeavors between our citizens and those of our sister cities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission initiates dialogues between peoples not only for cultural understanding, but also with those with similar interests in areas of industry and governments; and

WHEREAS, the Commission promotes and facilitates establishing Sister City relationships with cities chosen for their special relationships with our community, developed with certain areas of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has already established successful Sister City relationships with Kofu, Japan; Saint-Etienne, France; Shijiazhuang, China; and Stavropol, Russia; and

WHEREAS, the Commission now enthusiastically recommends the designation and establishment of a Sister City relationship between Des Moines and Pristina, the capital city of the country of Kosovo and the Council finds that Pristina bears a close resemblance to the City of Des Moines in demographics, economics and geography and has cultural ties to citizens of Des Moines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the recommendation for designation of Pristina, Kosovo as a Sister City is hereby approved and the Greater Des Moines Sister Cities commission is hereby charged with establishing a Sister City relationship with Pristina, Kosovo, and the Mayor is authorized to formalize that relationship by signing a Sister City agreement, subject to the approval of terms by the City Manager and Legal Department, on behalf of the City of Des Moines.

Moved by Westergaard to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 Lawrence R. McDowell
 Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED			

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.




 City Clerk