

Resolution No: 11-19

Resolution: To declare that the Mayor and Council of Rockville establish a Sister City affiliation with Yilan City, Taiwan

WHEREAS, world peace is dependent in very large part upon the degree of friendly understanding that exists among the peoples of various nations;

WHEREAS, the exchange of information and ideas combined with the sincere efforts of people to understand and assimilate what may be at first strange and different, is one of the most important means of establishing sound international relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities program was established in 1956, which links U.S. cities with communities globally to foster citizen diplomacy and mutual understanding and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Rockville (the "City of Rockville") currently has a Sister City relationship with Pinneberg, Germany; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville shares strong cultural ties with Yilan City, Taiwan, the county seat of Yilan County, Taiwan, a verdant agricultural and thriving arts scene; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2019, the Mayor and Council unanimously agreed to move forward with a formal City of Rockville – Yilan City Sister City affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Officials of the Municipal Government of Yilan City, Taiwan, responded favorably to instituting a new Sister City affiliation with the City of Rockville and to that end, voted on May 31, 2019, to formally establish a Sister City relationship with the City of Rockville; and

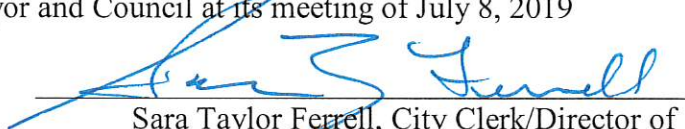
WHEREAS, the City of Rockville desires to establish a Sister City affiliation with the Municipal Government of Yilan City, Taiwan with the hope that it will lead to an enduring friendship between the people of Rockville, Maryland, and the people of Yilan City, Taiwan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE THAT:

- 1.) The City of Rockville be and is hereby affiliated with Yilan City, Taiwan, for the purpose of establishing a friendly and informative Sister City relationship based upon the common determination of people of good will to meet in common exploration of new roads to international understanding and confidence; and
- 2.) Copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Municipal Government of Yilan City, Taiwan, and Sister Cities International.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of July 8, 2019


Sara Taylor Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of
Council Operations