



RESOLUTION OF INTENTION FOR A CITY TO CITY ACCORD



IN CONSIDERATION: That the Barossa Valley, South Australia and the City of Grapevine, Texas have multiple ties in identity and cultural, socio-economic, tourism and industry affinities that may be of great benefit for both communities.

IN CONSIDERATION: That the relationship that exists between the countries of Australia and the United States shall be characterized by peace, common consent and international accord.

IN CONSIDERATION: That in our shared international context it is vitally important that communities and their governments seek the most effective methods for fostering relationships and increasing communications that will result in regional cooperation and exchange, while always respectful of the valued universal principles of sovereignty and self-determination.

IN CONSIDERATION: That The Barossa Council and the Grapevine Council have an interest to pursue an accord of peace and cooperation, acknowledging the favorable cultural characteristics that unite us in order to establish the basis for a sister city relationship.

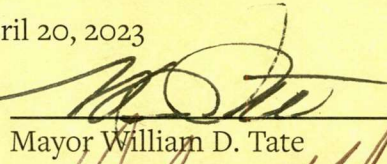
IN CONSIDERATION: That this City to City Accord shall have as objectives, the following:

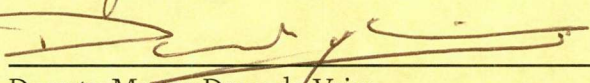
1. Facilitate the sharing of best practice and exchange of new ideas and successful experiences across a range of disciplines to improve capability and build more vibrant cities and local government authorities.
2. Foster trade and investment initiatives that promote business development, provide accelerated access and open doors into key markets to connect our cities more effectively with buyers and sellers.
3. Promote each other's cities as visitor destinations, cross participate in festivals and events and facilitate the exchange of destination marketing expertise and experience to enhance the tourism market intelligence of both cities.
4. Facilitate education, cultural and sporting exchanges that empower our youth, support the education sector, celebrate our unique heritage, create opportunities for artistic expression and activate community participation.
5. Enhance each other's reputation and capacity to meet emerging policy issues facing our cities in addition to capitalizing on opportunities to explore innovations and improvements in science and technology, viticulture, rural and urban design, public infrastructure and sustainability.
6. Foster friendship, hospitality, and understanding among the citizens of our communities.

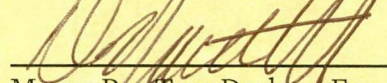
It is for these motives that the Mayors of the Barossa Valley, SA and Grapevine, Texas have convened to endorse this Resolution of Intent to formalize Sister City Accords on September 15, 2023.

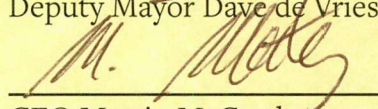
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Signed on April 20, 2023

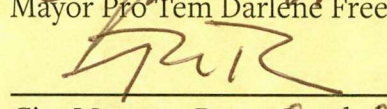
  
Mayor Bim Lange

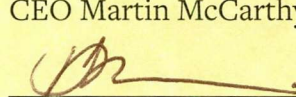
  
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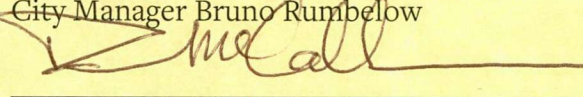
  
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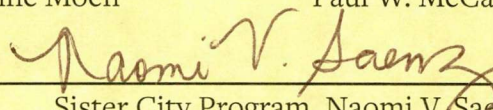
  
Mayor Pro Tem Darlene Freed

  
CEO Martin McCarthy

  
City Manager Bruno Rumbelow

  
Director, Corporate Services and  
Business Innovation, Joanne Moen

  
Executive Director CVB  
Paul W. McCallum

  
Sister City Program, Naomi V. Saenz