

Resolution 2016-48

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BAD SODEN, TAUNUS, GERMANY

WHEREAS, the purpose of Sister Cities International is to create and strengthen partnerships between U.S. and international communities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level, to promote cultural understanding, and to stimulate economic growth.

WHEREAS, Sister city, county and state affiliations between the United States and other nations began shortly after World War II and developed into a national initiative when President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed the "People-to-People" program in 1956.

WHEREAS, Sister Cities of Franklin & Williamson County, Tennessee began as a group project for Leadership Franklin. Members of the group presented their concept to the Board of Mayor and Alderman who readily welcomed the idea. These members are currently the Board of Directors of the local chapter of Sister Cities; they are President Pearl Bransford, Vice President Corissa Wiest, Treasurer Janice Litvack, Secretary Summer Sheldon, Past President Patricia Kriebel, Past President Doug Sharp, Past President Mike Thompson, City Liaison Milissa Reiersen, Board Members Cheryl Wilson, and Pam Lewis.

WHEREAS, Sister Cities of Franklin, Tennessee was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2001. The organization consists of community volunteers, and members.

WHEREAS, Sister Cities of Franklin has become an affiliate member of Sister Cities International and a sister city program enables the citizens of both communities to become directly involved in international relations in unique and rewarding exchanges, which benefits all those involved. Our current Sister Cities include Carlton Place, Ontario, and County Laois, Ireland.

WHEREAS, Sister Cities of Franklin has investigated number of cities whose characteristics would make them good sister cities for Franklin. Through the contacts established by sister cities members particularly former President Patricia Kriebel, a relationship with Bad Soden, Taunus, Germany has been formed. Bad Soden is a residential town outside of Frankfurt am Main. The population is over 21,000.

WHEREAS, several youth exchanges between Franklin and Bad Soden have successfully occurred. Also a delegation from Bad Soden including Mayor Norbert Altenkamp visited Franklin; and an official delegation from Franklin, including the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Franklin, visited Bad Soden in November of 2012, and found the town to be very similar to Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bad Soden, the Honorable Norbert Altenkamp issued an invitation to the City of Franklin to enter into a Sister Cities relationship; and an official delegation from Franklin, including Alderwoman Pearl Branscomb, Mayor Dr. Ken Moore and his wife Linda Crowell Moore, Patricia and Robert Kriebel, Corissa and Kurt Wiest, Janice Litvak, Summer Sheldon, Don Long, Tom Thompson will witness the official twinning in Bad Soden, Taunus, Germany.

WHEREAS, based upon all of the above considerations, the Franklin Board of Mayor and Alderman believes that a Sister City relationship with Bad Soden, Taunus, Germany, would further the goals of the Sister Cities program and be in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin,

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2016, Mayor Ken Moore of Franklin and Mayor Norbert Altenkamp of Bad Soden will sign the official Sister Cities Agreement of Treaty, on behalf of the cities of Franklin and Bad Soden declaring themselves ready and willing to support and further, to the mutual interest of our two communities, exchanges in the areas of economic development, tourism, culture and fine art, sports, public administration and education among others.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The Board wishes to enter into a Sister Cities treaty in the form attached hereto at the earliest possible date with Bad Soden, Taunus, Germany.
2. The Board hereby authorizes Mayor Ken Moore to execute this agreement or treaty.

IT IS RESOLVED AND DONE on this the 9th day of August 2016.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

By: _____

Eric Stuckey

City Administrator

By: _____

Dr. Ken Moore

Mayor

