



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 97-179

RESOLUTION

EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH ZHONGSHAN CITY, GUANGDONG PROVINCE, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

WHEREAS, over four decades ago, the sister city program was established to foster friendship and understanding among municipal governments, as well as to bolster national and foreign policy through the development of mutual trust and goodwill among the peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the potential and merits of the sister city program, the City and County of Honolulu established its first sister city with Hiroshima, Japan in 1959, and since then, has adopted fourteen additional international cities into its sisterhood family; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Council established a policy (Resolution 91-240) to govern the establishment of future sister city relationships for the City and County of Honolulu which provides that such relationships be based on the following common bonds: 1) a direct historical, cultural and ethnic relationship; 2) opportunities for educational and technological assistance beneficial to Honolulu's businesses, industries and labor force; 3) similarities in population size or character; and 4) other ties mutually beneficial to citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, subsequently in 1996, the Council established a Sister City Task Force charged with specific responsibilities, including the developing of recommendations on the formation of new sister city affiliations pursuant to the Council's criteria policy; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Task Force has recommended to the Council that a sister city relationship be established with Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, based on the Task Force's review of the sister city affiliation profile transmitted by the City and County's Office of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force found that Zhongshan, formerly known as Heongshan district and later Chungshan: 1) is the ancestral home of nearly 80% of the Chinese in Hawaii and the hometown of Dr. Sun Yet-sen, who studied in Honolulu; 2) has a vigorous tourism industry and hopes to cooperate and exchange information with Honolulu in the areas of technology, medicine, economy and trade, education and sports; 3) has a mild climate and a population that is of comparable size to Honolulu; and 4) hopes



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to strengthen tourism and trade between the two cities and raise the technological and productivity levels of their respective residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Clerk extend the Council's invitation to Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China to establish a sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon acceptance of this invitation by Zhongshan City, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu be requested to prepare and is authorized to sign and enter into an agreement, which is consistent with the implementation policies contained in Resolution 91-240, with the Mayor of Zhongshan City to formalize the sister city relationship; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

Rene Mansho
Co-introducer

INTRODUCED BY:
Chief Hanemann
Co-introducer

Councilmembers

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to the right.

ATTEST:
Genevieve G. Wong
GENEVIEVE G. WONG
City Clerk

John DeSoto
JOHN DeSOTO
CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated 6/18/97

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