

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SISTER CITY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF YEONGDONG (YEONGDONG-GUN), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE CITY OF ALAMEDA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Alameda Sister City Association was formed in 2009, to administer and expand the Alameda Sister City Program to encourage friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Alameda and its officials have enthusiastically endorsed the concept of forming Friendship and Sister City relations and affiliations with foreign cities with common concerns and mutual interests; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2017, the City of Alameda and the County of Yeongdong officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize a Sister City partnership to the mutual benefit of both parties that promote friendship, build relations, share ideas and innovations, and foster cultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, each year since the inception of its Sister City agreement with Yeongdong-gun in 2017, the City of Alameda has welcomed students from its South Korean partner for cultural exchange visits, inspiring young people from both Alameda and Yeongdong-gun to become ambassadors and leaders of tomorrow that will promote peace, social justice, environmental preservation, and economic development around the globe; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, over 40 martial arts students and guests from Alameda had the opportunity to experience Yeongdong-gun's art, food, music, and people on a cultural exchange visit; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Alameda-Yeongdong-gun Sister City partners will mark another historic moment in their relationship by signing a Memorandum of Agreement affirming their continued commitment to their alliance and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alameda does recognize and endorse said program with the hope that it will lead to creating goodwill and understanding between the peoples of our cities and our two great nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALAMEDA that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the implementation of said Sister City relations and undertakings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a fully executed and suitably inscribed copy of this Resolution be presented to the Mayor of the County of Yeongdong and that another copy be filed in the City Clerk's office in the Alameda City Hall.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the City Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 3rd day of March 2020 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Alameda this 4th day of March 2020.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

Approved as to form:

Yibin Shen, City Attorney
City of Alameda