



RESOLUTION NO. 39485

1 A RESOLUTION related to economic development; designating the City of Boca
2 Del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico, as a Sister City.

3 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma has been involved in the Sister City Program
4 for over 55 years, and

5 WHEREAS the program's mission is to promote global community through
6 citizen diplomacy, cultural education, and economic development, and

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8 WHEREAS the City of Boca Del Rio, located in the center of the State of
9 Veracruz, Mexico, expressed interest in developing a sister city relationship with
10 Tacoma, and

11 WHEREAS a strong and diversified Tacoma-Boca Del Rio Sister City
12 Committee was formed to explore establishment of a sister city relationship
13 between the two cities, and over the past six months, committee members have
14 met, visited Boca Del Rio, and provided a letter to that city's mayor regarding the
15 formation of a sister city relationship, and

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17 WHEREAS, since that time, the application process to add a new sister city
18 has been completed; a full committee of community members has been formed;
19 and a work plan for the next several years has been developed and will be enacted
20 should Boca Del Rio and Tacoma become sister cities, and

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22 WHEREAS the opportunity is present for this sister city relationship to
23 increase economic development, promote cultural exchanges, promote ancestral
24 tourism, and enhance educational opportunities for both cities, and

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WHEREAS this relationship is supported by the Tacoma Sister Cities

Council and the Economic Development Committee; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby designates the City of Boca Del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico, as a Sister City of the City of Tacoma.

Section 2. That, by this designation, the City indicates its intention to participate to the fullest extent possible with Boca Del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico, in carrying out the Sister City Program in accordance with the understandings, customs, and practices of said program.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney