



RESOLUTION NO. 39121

1 A RESOLUTION related to economic development; designating the City of Hvar,
2 Croatia, as a Sister City.

3 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma has been involved in the Sister City
4 Program 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

7 WHEREAS the City of Hvar, Croatia, expressed interest in developing a
8 sister city relationship with Tacoma, and

9 WHEREAS a strong and diversified Tacoma-Hvar Sister City Committee
10 was formed to explore establishment of a sister city relationship between the two
11 cities, and, over the past six months, committee members have met, visited Hvar,
12 and provided a letter to that city's mayor regarding the formation of a sister city
13 relationship, and
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15 WHEREAS, since that time, the application process to add a new sister city
16 has been completed; a full committee of community members has been formed;
17 and a work plan for the next several years has been developed and will be
18 enacted should Hvar and Tacoma become sister cities, and

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

22 WHEREAS this relationship is supported by the Tacoma Sister Cities
23 Council and the Economic Development Committee; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby designates the City of Hvar, Croatia, 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 Hvar, Croatia, 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