

RESOLUTION NO. 970810

PASSED: February 23, 1998

A RESOLUTION OF THE GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION INVITING THE CITIES OF KFAR SABA, ISRAEL, AND QALQILYA, PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY, TO ESTABLISH A THREE-WAY SISTER CITY PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY SISTER CITY PROGRAM OF GAINESVILLE, INC.

WHEREAS, a group of Gainesville residents desires to establish a long-standing friendship and association with residents of the cities of Kfar Saba, Israel, and Qalqilya, Palestinian National Authority; and

WHEREAS, the group has formed an organization called the Gainesville/Kfar Saba/Qalqilya Sister City Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville/Kfar Saba/Qalqilya Sister City Committee has the support of an advisory board of Gainesville community leaders, representing the University of Florida, Santa Fe Community College, the Alachua County Library District, and the medical, legal and religious communities; and

WHEREAS, informal discussions have already been held with the mayors of the three cities, who have agreed to pursue a three-way sister city relationship; and

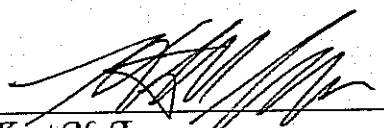
WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida can enjoy significant benefits from the relationship with Kfar Saba and Qalqilya by providing opportunities for its citizens to expand and share experiences through person to person contacts with the citizens of its sister cities; and


WHEREAS, to formally implement the Gainesville/Kfar Saba/Qalqilya Sister City Program, the City of Gainesville would like to invite the cities of Kfar Saba, Israel, and Qalqilya, Palestinian National Authority, to establish a three-way relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, invites the Cities of Kfar Saba, Israel, and Qalqilya, Palestinian National Authority, to establish a three-way relationship with the City of Gainesville under a program administered by Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of February 1998.

Attest:

  
Kurt M. Tannon  
Clerk of Commission

  
Bruce L. Delaney  
Mayor-Commissioner

