

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO ENTER INTO A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WINDHOEK, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.

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WHEREAS, the Sister City Program was initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and has resulted in San Antonio having two sister cities in Mexico, two in Europe, and five in Asia; and

WHEREAS, as part of a long-term objective to build a stronger link to Africa, San Antonio has hosted numerous delegations since 1990 and on April 21, 2015 Mayor Taylor signed a Friendship City Agreement with the Mayor of Windhoek; and

WHEREAS, execution of a Sister City Agreement supports the desire of the City of Windhoek and San Antonio to strengthen relations, as well as promote economic cooperation and bilateral trade and exchanges in the fields of renewal energy, health services, social affairs, culture, and tourism, **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. A Sister City Agreement with Windhoek, Namibia is hereby approved. The Mayor is authorized to sign the Agreement, a copy of which is set out in **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by eight (8) affirmative votes of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of August, 2016.

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Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda
Acting City Attorney