

**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 DARMSTADT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.**

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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, five in Asia and one in Africa; and

WHEREAS, as part of a long-term objective to build a stronger link to Germany, San Antonio has hosted numerous delegations over many decades stemming from historic ties dating back to the 19th century, during which time San Antonio experienced large-scale German immigration, and on April 29, 2016 Mayor Taylor signed a Friendship City Agreement with Jochen Partsch, Lord Mayor of Darmstadt; and

WHEREAS, execution of a Sister City Agreement supports the desire of the City of Darmstadt and San Antonio to strengthen relations, as well as promote economic cooperation and bilateral trade and cultural, scientific and educational exchanges in fields including IT/cybersecurity, heritage tourism, aerospace, biomedical/health care and renewable energy; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. A Sister City Agreement with Darmstadt, Germany 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 18th day of May, 2017.

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Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney