

## **TOWN OF SUPERIOR SISTER CITY POLICY**

### **I. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Policy is to identify the objectives, criteria, and procedures for sister city affiliations for the Town.

### **II. Objectives.**

A. The Town recognizes the existence of people-to-people relationships through the establishment of sister city affiliations, which encourages exchanges of diverse cultural, educational, artistic, scientific, and professional ideas and programs. Sister city relationships are important to the Town for several reasons, first as a means of assisting our residents in viewing the challenges and strengths of our community in the broader context of our global community; second, to create opportunities to honor and support the diversity that gives our global community its vitality; and third, to provide citizens of Superior with specific opportunities to directly interact with and participate in other cultures.

B. Each sister city relationship will emphasize direct contact, communication and coordination with the people in the respective sister cities. By entering into a sister city affiliation, the Town does not recognize or endorse political actions of the respective sister city government. Any protocol between the Town and a sister city will include a stipulation to that effect.

C. Each sister city relationship will emphasize people-to-people exchanges and projects, especially those of a primarily humanitarian concern which addresses human needs, environmental concerns, human rights, and the enrichment of people in the respective cities.

### **III. Criteria and Procedures.**

A. A prospective sister city should offer Superior's citizens exchange opportunities to enhance mutual understanding of the world's cultural diversity.

B. The following procedures shall be followed for official sister city recognition:

1. A citizen's organization advocating a new sister city affiliation must submit to the Town Manager documents that demonstrate compliance with all relevant sections of this Policy.

2. The Town Manager will advise the Board that the specified criteria and standards for affiliation have been met, and shall present to the Board any additional information to consider regarding the proposed affiliation.

3. Sister city recognition must be approved by the Board.

C. The Board will appoint a liaison to each sister city organization to keep the Board aware of important sister city events and activities.

D. The Town will not enter into agreements with sister city projects that would obligate the expenditure of Town funds without approval by the Board of Trustees (the "Board").

E. The Town will maintain membership in the Sister Cities International organization as necessary to enable its sister city relationships.

F. Any change in the legal status of a sister city organization must be promptly reported to the Town.

G. The Town will not arrange for any delegations without prior approval of the Board.