

**AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY OF GALWAY (IRELAND) AND THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE (U.S.A.)**

Whereas, The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International[®], was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

Whereas, In order to foster those goals, the people of Milwaukee and Galway in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities; and

Whereas, Milwaukee and Galway agree to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, culture, health care, education and tourism; and

Whereas, The sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Galway was established through the passage of Common Council Resolution Number 010680, on December 21, 2001; and

Whereas, The Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee has reviewed the renewal application of Galway, and recommends that a sister city relationship continue; and

Whereas, Milwaukee and Galway, which continue to share a common interest in education, health care, business and a desire to promote mutual understanding among our citizens, do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities beginning on March 18, 2008, the date of the Milwaukee Common Council resolution reaffirming the Sister City relationship became effective;

Now Therefore, Milwaukee and Galway do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities, and declare their intent to abide by these guidelines according to Sister Cities International[®] policies.

Signed on August 15, 2008 in duplicate in the Gaelic and English languages, both text being equally authentic.

Pádraig Conneely
Mayor of Galway

Tom Barrett
Mayor of Milwaukee