

# Sister City Relationship Annual Report\*

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### Please attach the following information

#### Updated information about the sister city:

- Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business
- Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship
- Updated information regarding the local organizational structure in the sister city that supports the relationship including number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information



#### Updated information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
  - Number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information
  - Progress of the goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
  - Progress of activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
  - Progress of the methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship
  - Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program

**\*Note: An annual report must be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee within 30 days following the anniversary of the date on which the mayor signed the resolution establishing the relationship.**

# Update 2023\_Sister Cities ZADAR, CROATIA - MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On behalf of the Federation of Croatian Societies of Milwaukee, the following three highlights are respectfully submitted as evidence of international bridge building with the Sister Cities MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN ~ZADAR, CROATIA:

1. Honored with a MAYORAL PROCLAMATION, Monday May 8, 2023 IVAN MARCELIC Day, and Sister Cities COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNITION of the same. In spring 2023, the MAYOR of ZADAR, Croatia BRANKO DUKIC, sent a letter of support to Milwaukee MAYOR CAVALIER JOHNSON, in support of IVAN MARCELIC riding the famous Harley-Davidson Route 66 in May 2023.

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ZADAR-MILWAUKEE




VIP ROUTE 66  
FINERARY  
3000 mile  
MOTORCYCLE  
RIDE



May 7 – 25, 2023

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In collaboration with the Sister Cities Committee, the Proclamation Day occurred on Monday May 8, 2023 at the ROTUNDA, Milwaukee CITY HALL. Ald. RUSSELL STAMPER II presided. This was an opportunity to support an ICON of Milwaukee Industry HARLEY-DAVIDSON and recall a bit of historic AMERICANA on the 3K trek.

2. PEACEACTION presentation about Sister Cities at the ZAO church 9/9/23 on behalf of the Federation of Croatian Societies - an UMBRELLA organization, incorporated in 1934, formed to assemble all Croatian cultural, educational, charitable and athletic societies, Tom Kuzmanovic, Pres. (PP & Notes attached.)



3. International Institute of Wisconsin and the City of Milwaukee afforded an unprecedented opportunity for strong Croatian participation at the Holiday Folkfair International. This was the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, held Friday Nov. 17-Sun. Nov. 19, 2023 at the WI State Fair Park. This year's Theme: TRADITIONAL DRESS: Croatian costumes pictured: POSAVINA fine embroidery and SINJ/VRLIKA Croatian Dinaric Mountains.

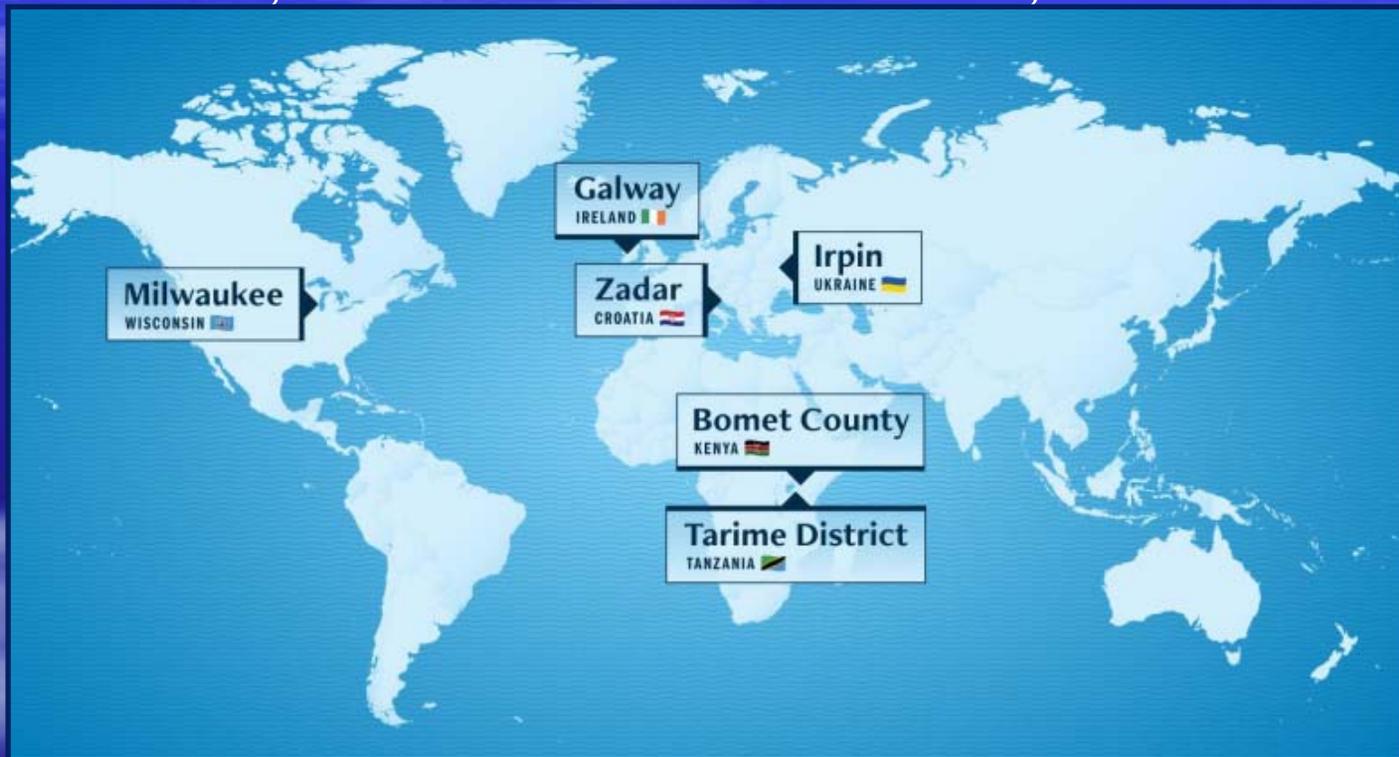


Respectfully submitted,

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Sister Cities Update to United Nations  
ZAO Mke church  
Zadar, Croatia – Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Nevenka Lutzow Bralić, Federation of Croatian Societies, past President  
September 9, 2023

# Sister City Signing Ceremony May 11, 2015

## Zadar, Croatia



**Sister City Signing Ceremony with Zadar, Croatia at City Hall, May 11, 2015.** Dr. Jelena Grčić Polić, Consul General of the Republic of Croatia, and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett signed the agreement documents, and were joined by members of the Zadar, Croatia delegation, Common Council President Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., members of the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee and other Milwaukee officials and special guests.

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# Sister Cities Zadar – Milwaukee MCT in Zadar, Croatia 2018



Photo by Andrew Ewert

# United Nations Schools of International Learning WORLD FAIR April 11, 2019

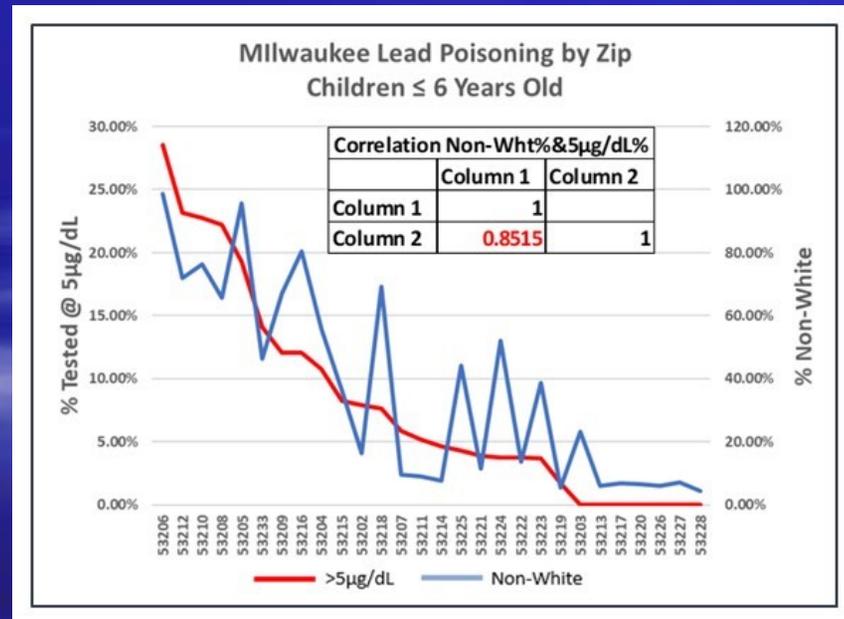


# Sister Cities Zadar - Milwaukee

International Folk Fair  
2018



Milwaukee Health Department  
2016



# Sister Cities Update

## Zadar, Croatia – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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### ZADAR-MILWAUKEE



**May 7 – 25, 2023**

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# Sister Cities: Zadar - Milwaukee Ivan Marčelić Day – May 8, 2023





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Deborah Moore, Ellen Kullerstrand, Todd Miller, Ald. Mike Murphy, John Schissler,  
Nevenka Bralić, Ivan Marčelić, Ald. Russell Stamper, II, Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr.

Not Pictured: Chris Lee, Arlisia McHenry, Dolores Greenawalt,  
Tomislav Kuzmanović, Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Mayor Branko Dukić,  
Anita Gržan-Martinović, Mario Paleka & Matea Magaš.

# THANK YOU! HVALA VAM!

Sister Cities: Zadar, Croatia – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## Ivan Marčelić Day – May 8, 2023



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## **Sister Cities: Zadar, Croatia – Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

9/9/23 Power Point \_To UNA PeaceAction\_ ZAO \_Federation of Croatian Societies

Slide 1. Sponsoring organization – Federation of Croatian Societies -an umbrella organization, incorporated in 1934, formed to assemble all Croatian cultural, educational, charitable and athletic societies. Its address is 9100 South 76<sup>th</sup> Street and is home to the oldest soccer club in North America, the Croatian Eagles. Delegates to the Federation Sredisnjica are all volunteers and current membership stands at 70, encompassing a wide range of professions – legal, medical, educational, business, industrial, government, engineering, masonry, digital media and more. Current President Tomislav Kuzmanovic [www.milwaukeecroatians.org](http://www.milwaukeecroatians.org)

ACTIVE SISTER Cities:

Bomet County, Kenya

Galway, Ireland

Irpin, Ukraine

Tarime District, Tanzania

Zadar, Croatia

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Slide 2. Sister Cities signing ceremony was held 8 years ago, with Mayor Tom Barrett signing on May 12, 2015 along with Common Council President, Michael J. Murphy, Ald. Joe Davis, Federation President John Braovac, coordinator Paul Lucas, and the Consulate General of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Jelena Grcic-Polic, who proudly featured the common water centric heritage of the two cities – Zadar seated on the Adriatic Sea Coast and Milwaukee seated on the freshwater coast of Lake Michigan, with the vision of cultural exchange, economic cooperation, and diplomatic ties.

Slide 3. In 2018, MCT Milwaukee Croatian Tamburitzans YOUTH music and dance group visited with various public officials in Zadar. Building bridges through ARTS.

Slide 4. Locally building international bridges by staying engaged with the United Nations activities: WORLD FAIR April 11, 2019 at at the UWM Panther Arena, where MPS Elementary and Middle Schools researched and presented 193 poster presentations 193 countries. The Croatian Poster covered INTERESTING FACTS...HOLIDAYS...FOOD...LIFE AS A KID...LAND and CLIMATE...GAMES &

SPORTS. The project was sponsored by the United Nations Association of Greater Milwaukee; co-chairs Annette Robertson and Joan Robertson.

Slide 5. Building International bridges by participating in the Folk Fair. Between 2015 and 2018, at the height of Flint Michigan lead toxicity debate, our own Health Department provided data of unique reported cases of 5 ug/Dl and above in infants and children under 6 by zip code and ethnicity in Milwaukee. Of the children screened, 8.6% of the children in Milwaukee had elevated blood lead levels, compared with Flint with 5% of the children tested. Thus, our Outreach activities through SISTER CITIES were focused **on water health**. Apply the early learning through STEAM Science Technology Engineering Arts Math ...The idea connecting two cohort Elementary schools from both cities, run simple analytical tests, document, and digitally present to each other over the Atlantic. BILINGUALLY.

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Slide 6. Spring 2023, the Mayor of Zadar Branko Dukic sent a letter of support to Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson, in support of Ivan Marcelic riding the famous Harley Davidson Route 66 in May 2023. Here is an opportunity to support an ICON of Milwaukee Industry as part of the Harley Davidson motorcycle rally on Route 66, covering 3000 miles. Working with Mr. Chris Lee, Deborah Moore and Christine Mosore ACCOMPLISHED A Mayoral Proclamation and a Sister Cities COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNITION. NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAVALIER JOHNSON, Mayor of the CITY of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim MONDAY, May 8, 2023, to be IVAN MARCELIC Day.

Slide 7. The Meet and Greet Day/Proclamation Day happened on Monday May 8, 2023 at the Rotunda, the Milwaukee City Hall. Ald. Russell Stamper presiding. Ald. Stamper presented the framed recognition plaque with and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council.

Slide 8 9 10 . The Proclamation from Mayor Johnson's Office is a framed Statement of May 8, 2023 as Ivan Marcelic Day in the City of Milwaukee.

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