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November 18, 2019

Ghana-Milwaukee Association, Inc.
Attn: Esther Oduro, Martin Oduro
P.O. Box 240740
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Re: CCFN 191027, Resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tema, Ghana.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Oduro,

Congratulations! This is notification that a resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tema, Ghana was adopted by the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2019 and signed by Mayor Tom Barrett of the City of Milwaukee on November 15, 2019. Attached is a certified copy of the resolution.

In order for the relationship to be official, both respective mayors from both cities are required to sign an agreement for the establishment of the relationship. Once the agreement has been signed, the relationship shall be valid for 5 years. Attached is an English agreement draft version for review by the City of Tema. Please forward this to the City of Tema for its review, approval, any changes, and translation to the official language of Tema (if different from English) back to us at your earliest.

A signing ceremony in the City of Milwaukee has been typically scheduled for the signing of an agreement once the attendance of both mayors from both cities can be arranged. Please contact the mayor or the appropriate officials from Tema and inform us of when the Mayor will be able to come to the City of Milwaukee. If the mayor or an authorized representative on his behalf cannot travel to Milwaukee any time soon, further discussion can be had to make other signing arrangements or to possibly hold a signing ceremony in Tema.

We look forward to further exploring this sister city relationship with you. The City of Milwaukee is a member of Sister Cities International and adheres to its policies and procedures in reviewing and maintaining relationships. We believe a limited number of such relationships are beneficial to cultural, economic, and educational growth and development for all involved.

If you have any questions, please contact the Staff Assistant to the Committee, Chris Lee, at 414-286-2232, or clee@milwaukee.gov.

Sincerely,

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Chair
Sister Cities Committee

Enclosure

Cc: Ald. Ashanti Hamilton
CCFN 191027

City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Certified Copy of Resolution

FILE NO: 191027

Title:

Resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tema, Ghana.

Body:

Whereas, The Common Council created the Sister Cities Committee to assist in the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships pursuant to Sister City International guidelines; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities Committee reviews requests for new relationships, investigates and makes recommendations to the Common Council concerning the establishment of new relationships and the maintenance or termination of existing sister city relationships; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities Committee has reviewed the application of Tema, Ghana, and recommends that a sister city relationship be established pursuant to ch. 335 of the Code; and

Whereas, Tema has a population of 292,773 and is located 15 miles from the Ghana's capital, Accra; and

Whereas, Tema has Africa's largest human-made harbor with the busiest port in Ghana; and

Whereas, Tema is working to expand its port activities and partner with the Port of Milwaukee for training and trade; and

Whereas, Tema has a prominent nursing school that hosts students from their United States sister cities to teach tropical medicine practices and expand their range of expertise;

Whereas, A sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tema, Ghana, will benefit both parties in port and trade activities, student exchanges and cultural festivals; and

Whereas, The sister city relationship will receive local support from the Ghana Milwaukee Association, Inc.; and

Whereas, The sister city relationship will also receive support in Tema, Ghana through the Tema Mayor and City Council; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tema, Ghana, is authorized; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the appropriate city officials are directed to execute an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Tema, Ghana, to formalize the sister city relationship; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the sister city relationship shall expire 5 years from the execution of the agreement unless extended for another 5 years by Common Council resolution.



I, James R. Owczarski, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution Passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 5, 2019.

James R. Owczarski

November 15, 2019

Date Certified

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

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

Whereas, Milwaukee and Tema, sharing a common interest in education, health care and business, and the desire to promote mutual understanding among our citizens do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities beginning on November 15, 2019, the date of Milwaukee Common Council resolution establishing the Sister City relationship became effective;

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

Signed on _____ in duplicate in the English and _____ languages, both text being equally authentic.

Mayor of Tema

**Tom Barrett
Mayor of Milwaukee**

