

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF MARTIN, SLOVAKIA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, Independence and Sugar Creek, Missouri, USA, and Martin, Slovakia, through the Sister City International Program, seek to establish a Sister City relationship that will establish close cultural and commercial relations between the three cities; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Martin is a beautiful city in the center of the Turiec region of northern Slovakia and was recognized in 1994 as the country's center of national culture; and,

WHEREAS, the Sister City Program is a cardinal tool to promote and foster international cooperation, human understanding between people of different cultures and backgrounds, enhance mutual respect for human dignity, and to share prosperity among nations; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Martin and the cities of Independence, Missouri and Sugar Creek, Missouri desire to develop a economic, educational, and cultural exchange; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Independence and Sugar Creek, Missouri and Martin, Slovakia will establish an organization or committee to address the development of the sister-city program and establish mutual goals between the cities and with the support of their respective governments; and,

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities, through their respective organizations will endeavor to promote official visits between city officials and community and business leaders; to support and encourage tourism; to develop commercial and business opportunities; to boost exchanges and ideas in the fields of science, technology and education; and to enhance cultural exchanges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Council of Independence, Missouri hereby authorizes the establishment of a Sister City arrangement with the City of Martin, Slovakia, and further authorizes the Mayor to take all appropriate measures necessary for the implementation of the relationship.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that copies be presented to the Mayor of Martin, Slovakia in token and recognition of the friendship between our three cities, and the anticipation of a fruitful and prosperous relationship through the Sister City Program.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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Presiding Officer of the City Council  
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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City Manager