

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2008-058

TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH YIBIN CITY IN THE
SICHUAN PROVINCE, IN THE COUNTRY OF CHINA

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia has a long history of engagement with the people of Yibin City created largely through efforts of Councilman E. W. Cromartie, II, the National League of Cities and the U. S. China Exchange Association and;

WHEREAS, Columbia Councilman E. W. Cromartie, II and others from Columbia have visited the City of Yibin on several occasions and have established person-to-person ties with government leaders and citizens of Yibin and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Yibin and other representatives of Yibin's government, education and business community have visited Columbia on two occasions and plan to visit again in the spring of 2009 and have established person to person ties with government leaders and citizens of Columbia, and;

WHEREAS, representatives of the University of Yibin and representatives of Benedict College have established a cooperative exchange agreement between students and teachers, and;

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Yibin have pursued and obtained permission from their governing body to seek a sister city relationship with the City of Columbia, and;

WHEREAS, there is widespread support in both the Yibin and Columbia communities for mutually beneficial exchanges of information, ideas and skills in such areas as government, education, information technology and cooperative business practices, and;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a formal relationship will serve to promote and foster mutually beneficial cultural exchanges, international municipal cooperation, and a bond of friendship and understanding between Yibin City and the City of Columbia; NOW, THEREFORE,

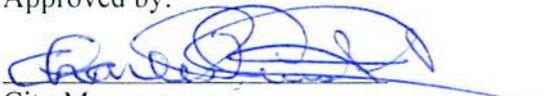
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council this 15th day of October, 2008, that the Columbia City Council does hereby undertake to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Yibin, in the Sichuan Province, in the country of China.

Requested by:

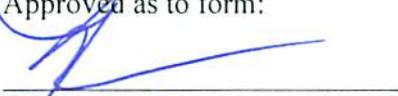
Councilmember Cromartie


MAYOR

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Final Reading: 10/15/2008

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