

RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER WITH AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GREENSBORO, NC, AND THE CITY OF SUQIAN, JIANGSU
PROVIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

WHEREAS, In March 2016, the City of Greensboro received a letter of interest from the City of Suqian, China to form a Sister-City relationship with the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, in follow-up, a delegation from Suqian, China visited Greensboro during March 2016 at which time the preliminary agreement was to continue exploring the relationship and to draft a Sister-City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);

WHEREAS, the Director of the Human Relations Department was assigned the role as point-person to the Suqian delegation and members of the Carolinas Chinese Chamber of Commerce;

WHEREAS, over the course of 12 months, the Director and members of the delegation determined focus areas that would serve as the foundation of a worthwhile Sister-City relationship which included Recreation, Arts, and Tourism; Small Business Support; Economic Development (with a focus on Brewery Industry); and Education (Collegiate and Public School Partnerships);

WHEREAS, during the October 17, 2017 Work Session, City Council was presented with an overview of the request from Suqian and its demographics, the Sister Cities International initiative, and the draft MOU;

WHEREAS, City Council requested that the item be placed on the November 14th meeting of Council;

WHEREAS, the Human Relations Director will continue to coordinate with the Suqian delegation and begin follow-up work on the focus areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City Manager has the authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a Sister-City relationship between Greensboro, NC, and the City of Suqian, Jiangsu Providence of the People's Republic of China.