

## RESOLUTION 1255

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF BODØ, NORWAY, ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gig Harbor and the City of Bodø, Norway, seek to enrich cultural understanding, create adult and student exchange opportunities and broaden cooperation to encourage goodwill between the Cities, and;

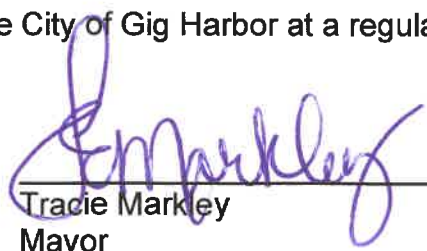
**WHEREAS**, the City of Gig Harbor and the City of Bodø support the promotion of mutual understanding, expansion of official and non-governmental exchanges, and friendship through the promotion of peace, stability and prosperity,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

**Section 1.** The Mayor is authorized to execute a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bodø to establish a Sister City relationship, as set forth in Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** The Mayor is directed to explore potential partnership opportunities with local non-profit organizations to serve in the role of a designated Sister City Organization. Sister City Organizations may assist the City in organizing exchanges and visits, establishing communication and information sharing programs, and raising funds. Any Sister City Organization designation will require approval of the City Council.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 25th day of July, 2022.

  
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Tracie Markley  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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Joshua Stecker, CMC  
City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT FOR A SISTER  
CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR,  
WASHINGTON USA AND THE CITY OF BODØ, NORWAY**

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WHEREAS, both Gig Harbor, Washington, USA and Bodø, Norway seek to enrich cultural understanding, create adult and student exchange opportunities and broaden cooperation to encourage goodwill between the Cities, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor and the City of Bodø support the promotion of mutual understanding, expansion of official and non-governmental exchanges, and friendship through the promotion of peace, stability and prosperity, and;

WHEREAS, in order to develop a Sister City Relationship with cooperation between Gig Harbor and Bodø both Cities agree to support a Sister City Relationship on the following terms:

1. To promote common prosperity and development, both Cities will organize, on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and goodwill, cultural exchanges, contacts to support an electronic “pen pal” program for students, and other information sharing that may include art, business and commerce, culture, governmental administration, health and sports interests, history, science, technology and other information sharing.
2. Citizens, civic and business groups of each city are recognized as ambassadors of goodwill to organize exchanges that may include the above topics.
3. Each City shall organize exchanges, to the extent possible, involving adults and students within the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding. Each exchange and or visit shall be reviewed in advance between the City of Gig Harbor and the City of Bodø or their designated Sister City Organizations.
4. Each Sister City or its designated Sister City Organization agrees to assume all costs of a visit to the Sister City including accommodations,

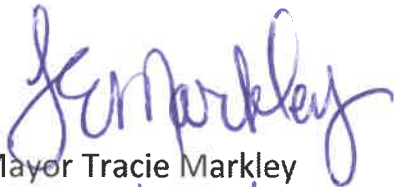
meals and tours unless home stays and other accommodations are agreed upon in advance.

5. Exchange visit details and activities shall be cooperatively agreed upon by organizing citizens, civic and business groups. Activities shall be provided with the objective to deepen cultural awareness and friendship between citizens, business leaders and government officials.
6. The implementation of the MoU will start on the date of its signature by Both Signatories with a duration of 3 years with the intention to revisit the agreement before it ends to prolong or amend if deemed necessary.
7. This MoU is not legally binding, does not give rise to legal rights or obligations under international law, and the above mentioned activities will be conducted within the budgetary constraints of each Signatory's law.
8. Any difference concerning the interpretation and implementation of this MoU shall be resolved by dialogue between the two Signatories.
9. This Memorandum of Understanding represents the entire agreement between the Cities. It may not be changed or modified without a resolution signed by the leaders of both cities.

These two Cities hereby execute this Memorandum of Understanding.

Gig Harbor, Washington, USA

Bodø, Norway

  
Mayor Tracie Markley  
Date 7/26/22

Mayor Ida Pinnerød  
Date