



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 26

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by City Council and the Administration on January 18, 2022

Approves a Sister City relationship between the City of Allentown and Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, a sister or friendship city relationship is formally created when the mayors or highest elected or appointed officials from two communities sign an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the partnership; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan 501 (c) (3) nonprofit which services as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council does hereby recommend lines of communication between the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania and Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic to develop a strategic, long-term partnership that would be mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS, many countries have endorsed this program and have joined with numerous cities of the United States in adopting and implementing programs for the exchange of ideas and visitations of people; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council asks Mayor Matt Tuerk to develop a sister city relationship between the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania and Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic is a municipality and the provincial capital of the Santo Domingo province in the Dominican Republic with a total population of 701,269 and have a variety of shopping centers with duty-free zones, with construction, energy, and agricultural businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allentown City Council and the Mayor of the City of Allentown hereby establishes a Sister City between the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania and Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Republic.