

Date September 23, 2013

RESOLUTION RECEIVING RECOMMENDATION OF THE GREATER DES MOINES SISTER CITIES COMMISSION TO RESCIND THE DESIGNATION OF NAUCALPAN, MEXICO, AS A SISTER CITY, AND ADOPTING SAME

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission reports in the accompanying communication that on September 10, 2013, the Commission passed a motion to recommend the City withdraw from its Sister City relationship with the city of Naucalpan, Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, there has been no cultural or diplomatic exchanges between the cities of Des Moines and Naucalpan for several years; and,

WHEREAS, by letter of February 16, 2011, the Mayor of Naucalpan was notified of the City of Des Moines' intent to consider termination of the Sister City relationship between the two cities, and no objection to the termination of that relationship has been received from the city of Naucalpan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. The designation of the city of Naucalpan, Mexico, as a Sister City of the City of Des Moines is hereby repealed.
2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Sister Cities International and to the Mayor of the City of Naucalpan.

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:


 Roger K. Brown
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk



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September 18, 2013

The Honorable Mayor
and
Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines

Re: Dissolution of Sister City Relationship with Naucalpan, Mexico

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

In a letter dated February 16, 2011, Mayor Cownie communicated the desire to dissolve our sister city relationship with the City of Naucalpan, Mexico, due to inactivity. A copy of that letter was also filed with Sister Cities International in Washington, DC.

As no communication has been received since that date, at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2013, the Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission passed a motion to recommend the City withdraw from its Sister City relationship with the City of Naucalpan, Mexico; and, requests that the Des Moines City Council at this time take action to officially rescind Naucalpan as a designated sister city.

Very truly yours,

Darlene Blake

Darlene Blake
Commission Chair

cc: Richard Clark, City Manager



February 16, 2011

T. M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

The Honorable Azucena Olivares Villagomez
Presidente Municipal de Naucalpan
H. Ayuntamiento de Naucalpan
Av. Juarez #39, Fracc. El Mirador, CP 5300
Naucalpan, Estado de Mexico, Mexico

Dear Mayor Villagomez:

It is with great sadness that I write this letter. Our relationship has been inactive for a period of at least five years with the City of Naucalpan. On behalf of the many citizens of the Greater Des Moines area who have come to know and love the City of Naucalpan, we wish to dissolve our relationship due to the inactivity. This will allow both of us to partner with other communities should we so desire.

We appreciate the awareness and education that you and your citizens have brought to the Greater Des Moines area, and sincerely thank you for all of the past participation. Because of the inactivity, we, therefore, request that you agree to this change in our relationship by returning a signed copy of a reciprocal letter at your earliest convenience. A copy of this letter will be filed with the Sister Cities International Office in Washington, DC.

We wish only the best for you and all of your citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T.M. Franklin Cownie".

T.M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

cc: Sister Cities International
Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission

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