

## **Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission**

**Purpose.** Ordinance 15,288; Sec. 2-1116

The City of Des Moines hereby declares its support for and continued participation in the Sister Cities International Program for the following purposes:

- (1) To allow residents and citizens of the Des Moines Metropolitan area and the people of similar cities in foreign nations to acquire a mutual understanding of one another as individuals, as members of their communities, as citizens of their countries and as members of the family of nations.
- (2) To promote educational and cultural exchanges between institutions and citizens in the Des Moines Metropolitan area, and institutions and citizens of Des Moines' Sister Cities.
- (3) To coordinate and facilitate communication between businesses in the Des Moines Metropolitan area wishing to make contact with businesses in the sister cities, and to coordinate business and trade inquiries from Des Moines Sister Cities directed to potential trading and business partners in the municipalities.
- (4) To assist individuals and educational institutions in the Des Moines Metropolitan area in acquiring and exchanging professional and technical skills with individuals and institutions in sister cities.
- (5) To develop an awareness of the International Sister Cities Program, its goals, missions, and accomplishments, and to create a bridge of understanding between different cultures of the world.