

1 [Sister Cities International Day - October 14, 2024]

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3 **Resolution declaring October 14, 2024, as “Sister Cities International Day” in the City**  
4 **and County of San Francisco and highlighting the power of united communities in**  
5 **promoting peace, progress, and prosperity globally.**

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7 WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was established on September 11, 1956, as a  
8 presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House Conference on  
9 Citizen Diplomacy, aimed at fostering community-led global relationships to enhance cultural  
10 understanding and reduce the risk of international conflicts; and

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12 WHEREAS, Sister Cities International Day offers an opportunity to recognize the  
13 profound impact this organization has had in building bridges between nations, cities, and  
14 communities worldwide, promoting mutual respect and world peace; and

15 WHEREAS, October 14, the birthday of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is a fitting  
16 occasion to celebrate the birth of the modern sister cities movement; and

17 WHEREAS, Sister Cities International now boasts 400 member cities, counties, and  
18 states, forming relationships with 1,800 communities across 138 countries on six continents;  
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21 WHEREAS, In recent years, Sister Cities International has convened bilateral and  
22 regional summits to enhance and expand sister city relationships in diverse regions including  
23 Ireland, Mexico, Russia, China, and across Africa and the Americas; and

24 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco proudly participates in this global  
25 network, maintaining sister city partnerships with Osaka, Japan; Sydney, Australia; Taipei,

1 Taiwan; Assisi, Italy; Haifa, Israel; Seoul, Republic of Korea; Shanghai, China; Manila,  
2 Philippines; Cork, Ireland; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; Thessaloniki, Greece; Ho Chi Minh City,  
3 Vietnam; Paris, France; Zurich, Switzerland; Bangalore, India; Krakow, Poland; Amman,  
4 Jordan; Barcelona, Spain; and Kiel, Germany; and

5 WHEREAS, These sister city relationships support educational, economic, cultural,  
6 municipal, and humanitarian exchanges that are mutually beneficial for all communities  
7 involved; and

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9 WHEREAS, Sister Cities International Day serves as a call to action for the residents of  
10 San Francisco and people around the world to continue their commitment to fostering a more  
11 peaceful and prosperous future through people-to-people exchanges; and

12 WHEREAS, This day also highlights the power of united communities in promoting  
13 peace, progress, and prosperity globally; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares October 14, 2024, as Sister Cities  
15 International Day in the City and County of San Francisco.  
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