

**CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA
EXECUTIVE ORDER
JB-2023-01**

WHEREAS, Sister Cities were created to promote peace through people-to-people relationships and offer the flexibility to allow connections to form between communities that are mutually beneficial and take on issues that are most relevant to the partners; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship was formally established between the City of Carmel and Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship was formally established between the City of Carmel and Xiangyang, Hubei, China in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship was formally established between the City of Carmel and Jelgava, Zemgale, Latvia in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship was formally established between the City of Carmel and Cortona, Arezzo, Italy in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carmel continues to review additional sister city opportunities and extend invitations to formalize relationships; and

WHEREAS, sister city committees have been formally organized with boards of directors and volunteer members and meet on a regular basis to promote international goodwill, understanding, student educational and public service exchanges, and expand business relationships between the cities and their respective nations; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to establish a "Sister City Advisory Board" comprised of the presidents of the boards of directors of each sister city committee to meet from time to time to discuss mutual opportunities and coordinate efforts, when appropriate, for shared policies and procedures and to promote and participate in cultural events in the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the "Sister City Advisory Board" is established in the City of Carmel, Indiana.

SO ORDERED THIS 12th DAY OF June, 2023.



James Brainard, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jon Oberlander, Corporation Counsel