

Resolution No. 1019-2022

By Mayor Bibb

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Declaring this Council's desire that Cleveland and Bursa, Türkiye establish a sister city relationship and authorizing the Mayor to enter into such agreement and execute such documents that are necessary to implement the relationship.

WHEREAS, the municipality of Bursa, Türkiye, is a major economic and cultural hub in Türkiye and is home to approximately two million people; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish American Society of Northeastern Ohio ("TASNO") was founded in 1977 to provide a central location to bring the local Turkish community together, to provide a forum to organize cultural activities, and to share Turkish heritage with the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, TASNO and the Turkish-American community of Cleveland continues to contribute to the wealth of culture and diversity in Cleveland today; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Hasan Murat Mercan, taught as an assistant professor in the Department of Quantitative Business Analysis at Cleveland State University from 1989 to 1992, during which time he raised his family and his children in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland and Bursa share a common economic root based in manufacturing, with the majority of Türkiye's automotive manufacturing occurring in and around Bursa and with Cleveland having a long and proud history of manufacturing that continues to the present; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland and Bursa also share a joint commitment to world-class cultural establishments, with Bursa featuring incredible museums highlighting the region's rich history as a former Ottoman capital and with Cleveland hosting its preeminent museums, orchestra, and performing arts institutions;

WHEREAS, many of Cleveland's most prominent Turkish-American residents have been physicians at our storied local hospitals, a clear connection between the modern Cleveland economy and Türkiye; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland and its world-class universities have much to share with and learn from Bursa's own universities, Bursa Uludag University and Bursa Technical

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University, especially considering both cities' universities' exceptional programs in medicine, dentistry, law, and a number of STEM fields; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety in that peace in the world can only be assured through a strengthening of relationships among the world's people; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council, desiring that the City of Cleveland and Bursa, Türkiye, establish a sister city relationship, authorize the Mayor to enter into such agreements and execute such documents that are necessary to implement the sister city relationship on such terms and conditions as the Director of Law determines are in the best interest of the general public.

Section 2. That this resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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10-3-2022
FOR: Mayor Bibb

