

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2663

A Resolution Endorsing the Creation of a Sister City Relationship with the Municipality of Kalibo, Capital of Aklan Province, in the Republic of the Philippines, and Requesting the Sister Cities Committee to Proceed With the Steps Necessary to Formalize the Sister City Relationship.

WHEREAS, the outgoing Provincial Governor of Aklan Province, Republic of Philippines, Carlito S. Marquez, has written to express an interest in establishing a sister city relationship between the Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan and the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, at its July 24, 2013, regular meeting, the Sister Cities Committee recommended that a sister city relationship be established with the Municipality of Kalibo; and

WHEREAS, an Alaskan trade delegation that included the Honorary Consul General of the Philippines to the State of Alaska Jenny Gomez Strickler, Juneau Representative Cathy Muñoz, and Bethel Representative Bob Heron visited Aklan Province in 2012 and confirmed the value of a sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated August 10, 2013, Dante Reyes, President of Filipino Community, Inc., of Juneau, expressed support on behalf of Filipino Community, Inc., to establish a sister city relationship with the Municipality of Kalibo; and

WHEREAS, a number of exchanges fitting a sister city relationship have already taken place between Juneau and Kalibo, including cultural exchanges, business trade, and the provision of humanitarian aid after recent natural disasters in Kalibo; and

WHEREAS, the formal establishment of a sister city relationship will serve to promote and foster mutually beneficial cultural exchanges, international municipal cooperation, and a bond of friendship and understanding between Kalibo and the City and Borough of Juneau.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Endorsement. The Assembly endorses the selection of the Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, Republic of the Philippines, as an official sister city of the City and Borough of Juneau, and requests the Sister Cities Committee to proceed with all steps necessary to formalize the relationship through Sister Cities International.

Section 2. Formal Recognitions. Upon official designation of the Municipality of Kalibo as a sister city to the City and Borough, the Assembly will conduct an appropriate ceremony to formally recognize the bond of friendship between the Municipality of Kalibo and the City and Borough of Juneau. The Assembly requests that the Sister Cities Committee organize and coordinate such ceremony.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of October, 2013.


Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk