

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07-039R

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SISTER CITIES ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS AND THIONVILLE, FRANCE
PURSUANT TO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, an Illinois municipal corporation, is a home rule entity pursuant to Article 7, § 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and 65 ILCS 5/1-1-10; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is an international program whose mission is to promote peace and prosperity by creating bonds between people from different cities and cultures around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois has been a member and an active participant in the Sister Cities International program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois, as a member and a participant in the Sister Cities International program, has entered into sister city relationships with Zomba, Malawi and the Haizhu District of Guangzhou City, People’s Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois and the Thionville, France have expressed a mutual interest in entering into a sister city relationship in accordance with the goals and mission of the Sister Cities International program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Urbana, Illinois shall be and hereby is authorized to enter into a mutually beneficial sister city relationship with Thionville, France.

Section 2. The Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois shall be and hereby is authorized to undertake such actions as are or may be necessary to establish and maintain a sister city relationship between the City of Urbana, Illinois and Thionville.

PASSED by the City of Council this _____ day of _____, 2013.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAINS: _____

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor this _____ Day of _____, 2013.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor.