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 City of 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 the City of Thionville, France.

<u>Section 2.</u> 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 the City of Thionville, France.

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