

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP WITH H. VERACRUZ,
VERACRUZ, MEXICO**

WHEREAS a sister city relationship facilitates a mutually beneficial opportunity for exchange and cooperation between two cities in such fields as art, business, trade, culture, education, sports, and technology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville currently has sister city relationships with Kawakami-Mura, Japan, Pinghu, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China; San Pedro Masahuat, Department of La Paz, Republic of El Salvador; Tangancicuaro Michoacán, México, the municipality of Jocotepec, Jalisco, Mexico, Cavtat, Konavle, Croatia, and Velas, Azore Islands, Portugal; and

WHEREAS, H. Veracruz is a municipality in Veracruz, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the municipality is known for its preservation and exploration of indigenous and historic cultural traditions from architecture, theater, music and dance; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1990, Esperanza del Valle (EDV)'s Artistic Director, Janet Rachel Johns, successfully established and nurtured a longstanding relationship with the master instructors from the Ballet Folklórico del Puerto de Veracruz de la Universidad Veracruzana; and

WHEREAS, the same spirit and dedication to cultural traditions is mirrored in our beautiful City of Watsonville; and

WHEREAS, Watsonville’s Esperanza del Valle (EDV) is well-known for the artistic quality and authenticity of the dances the organization studies and performs, creating commonalities and opportunities for exchange of art and resources; and

WHEREAS, EDV has established a strong cultural exchange with Veracruz, involving multiple generations of Watsonville residents; and

WHEREAS, a sister city designation would give official recognition to this valuable collaborative relationship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville desires to establish a Sister City relationship with the H. Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico with the hope that it will lead to lasting friendship between the people of Watsonville and H. Veracruz.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a sister city relationship is hereby established between the municipality H. Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico, for cooperation and the exchange of art, business, trade, culture, education, sports, and technology.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to H. Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico.
3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Sister City Agreement with the municipal government of H. Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico.
