

PROCLAMATION

***SISTER CITY COMMISSION
30TH ANNIVERSARY***

WHEREAS: 2002 proudly marks the 30th Anniversary of the Charter Township of Redford's participation in the Sister City program; and

WHEREAS: The first seeds of our enduring partnership with Sister Cities International began in 1970 when a group of students under the guidance of Manfred Heuser and Timothy Parrish traveled to Europe to study the German language and visited St. Johann, an enchanting, small town of about 6,000 people located in a beautiful valley between the Wilde Kaiser and the Kitzbueheler Horn of the Austrian Tirol; and

WHEREAS: St. Johann officially became our first sister-city in February, 1972 and our involvement in the program grew when we became sister city to Georgina, Ontario, Canada in 1987 and then Gau-Algesheim, Germany in 1990; and

WHEREAS: The Sister City Commission organized many fruitful, educational and rewarding cultural exchanges and successful events promoting continuing dialogue between global neighbors, becoming a unique force in promoting peace and friendship; and

WHEREAS: It is a pleasure to celebrate this memorable occasion to praise the members of the Sister City Commission, past and present, who have given so generously of their time, talent and energy to the continuation of this important mission; and

WHEREAS: Recent world events have emphasized the importance of understanding and fellowship across the world and the need for mutual alliances of respect, interest and purpose; and

WHEREAS: Through international communication comes strength and acknowledgement that we are more alike than different and share many common goals and have similar needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we the members of the Charter Township of Redford Board of Trustees, do hereby recognize the 30th Anniversary of our Sister City Commission, commending their contributions to our community; further, urging our residents to support this meritorious organization and their cause.

Kevin F. Kelley, Supervisor

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Dated: February 11, 2002