

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2011-034

Resolution to Form a Sister City with Accra, Ghana

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WHEREAS, a significant portion of the population of the City of Columbia, South Carolina ("Columbia") has a common tie to West Africa; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia has a strong connection with Accra, Ghana through its Mayor, The Honorable Alfred O. Vanderpuije, a former resident of and educational leader in Columbia; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia has an opportunity to develop a cultural relationship with a strategic part of the world through a mutually beneficial partnership with Accra; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia and Accra have an opportunity to grow their economies through potential trade development;

WHEREAS, Columbia and Accra have an opportunity to benefit from exchanges in government, education and cultural activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbia World Affairs Council and Benedict College will help develop and sustain on-going communication and contact, and will help spearhead initial activities; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council this 19th day of April, 2011, that the City of Columbia hereby establishes a sister-city relationship with Accra, Ghana.

Requested by:

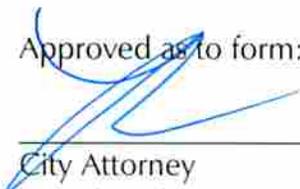
Mayor Benjamin _____


MAYOR

Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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