

AN ORDINANCE

2009-03-19-0222

**RATIFYING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATION OF
CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU, REPUBLIC OF INDIA.**

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WHEREAS, the Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS, in order to foster those goals, the City of San Antonio and the Corporation of Chennai, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, have agreed to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a Sister City Agreement (the "Agreement") is a tool to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, arts and cultures, health, science, education, sports and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the India Association of San Antonio, in conjunction with its counterparts in Chennai, will partner with the City in hosting home-stays, student exchanges and cultural events sponsorship in furtherance of the Agreement's intent;

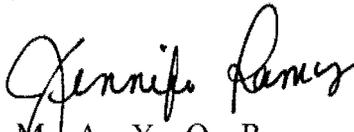
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into a Sister City relationship with the Corporation of Chennai; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby ratifies the Sister City Agreement with the Corporation of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Republic of India, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the affirmative vote of at least eight Councilmembers. In the event that less than eight affirmative votes are cast, then this ordinance shall be effective on the tenth (10th) day after passage.

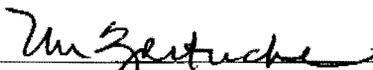
PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2009.


for M A Y O R
PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney

ATTACHMENT I

SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

Between the
City of San Antonio, Texas, United States of America.
And the
Corporation of Chennai, Tamilnadu, Republic of India.

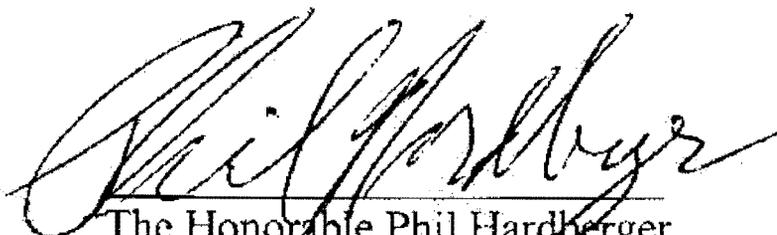
Whereas, the Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

Whereas, in order to foster those goals, the people of San Antonio and Chennai in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities.

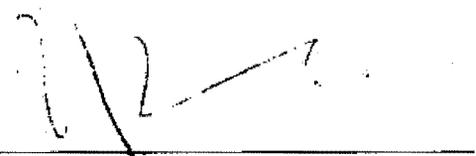
Whereas, we agree to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, arts and cultures, health, science, education, sports and tourism.

Whereas, the India Association of San Antonio, with its counterparts, will partner in hosting home-stays, student exchanges and sponsorships;

Now therefore, subject to ratification of this agreement by the Government of Tamilnadu and Government of India, the cities of San Antonio and Chennai do hereby proclaim themselves sister cities, and declare their intent to abide by these guidelines indefinitely according to Sister Cities International policies. This agreement comes into force from the date of approval by the Government of India.



The Honorable Phil Hardberger
Mayor of San Antonio



The Honorable M. Subramanian
Mayor of Chennai



SISTER
CITIES
INTERNATIONAL

Awards This Charter to the Citizens of

San Antonio, Texas, USA

in recognition of their
contribution to international understanding
demonstrated by their community affiliation with

Chennai, India

President