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City of Charleston, Doha, Qatar enter into Charleston Sister Cities International Partnership

Charleston, S.C.-- Last week, Charleston City Council unanimously approved a Sister Cities partnership with Doha, Qatar.

During a Qatari delegation visit to Charleston in October, the Ambassador of Qatar to the United States of America Sheikh Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani, Charleston Mayor John J. Tecklenburg and Charleston Sister Cities International President and CEO Neita Wiese held a ceremonial signing of the following agreement:

In order to foster friendship and understanding of their respective cultures, strengthen existing relations and provide benefits to their communities, Charleston, South Carolina and Doha, Qatar do hereby join their respective cities in a Charleston Sister Cities International partnership.

With this agreement, we hope to build on shared values, and a shared proud and prosperous historic port heritage, our mutual modern growth in maritime commerce in addition to a global surge of interest in our two cities, and to continue to develop relevant and mutually beneficial relationships to reinforce these ties for future generations to come.

With the goals of prosperity, cultural understanding, and exchange, the two parties shall explore opportunities to cultivate closer relations with one another through cooperative activities in the areas of economic and trade development; tourism, historical and cultural exchanges; youth and athletic opportunities; health, science, humanitarian; and technical and environmental collaborations.

Therefore, by affixing our signatures on behalf of our respective communities, we declare Charleston, South Carolina, United States of America and Doha, State of Qatar Sister Cities beginning of this day, November 12, 2019, the date when the Charleston City Council Resolution establishing the Sister City relationship became effective.

While in Charleston, the delegation met with cultural, economic, and civic groups including Governor Henry McMaster, Senator Paul Campbell, the Charleston Aviation Authority, Charleston County Economic Development, Charleston Regional Development Alliance, Boeing and the Doha-Charleston Sister Cities International Committee.

The Doha-Charleston Sister Cities International Committee is planning a trip for a delegation from Charleston to visit Doha in the first quarter of 2020.

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