

RESOLUTION NO. 22-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP WITH IBAGUE, COLOMBIA, GLOBAL PREP SQUAD AND THE CITY OF LEE’S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the City of Lee’s Summit has laid out a strategic plan, whereby the City has a goal for educational partnership expansion and cultural diversity; and,

WHEREAS, a Sister City Partnership is an agreement between two cities in two separate countries that looks to improve cultural, commercial, and business ties; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Cities have been shown to improve relationships, and enhance cultural and educational opportunities within the two cities; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Cities have been shown to benefit from cultural exchanges, as well as promote peace between the two countries; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ibague, Colombia is interested in starting a relationship, where Ibague is interested in a musical and cultural exchange.

WHEREAS, Lee’s Summit has recently succeeded in a partnership with Kawahigashi, Japan, in which relations are still held; and,

WHEREAS, Global Prep Squad is a student-led organization at Summit Technology Academy, whose mission is to work with clients worldwide to increase relationships. The organization has successfully run for 14 years and has done over a thousand projects throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, Ibague has been in communication with Global Prep Squad about its interests in the partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE’S SUMMIT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Lee’s Summit should start a Sister Cities Partnership with Ibague, Colombia to achieve the goals stated in the strategic plan.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from the date of its approval.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Mayor William A. Baird

City Clerk Trisha Fowler Arcuri

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney Brian W. Head