1	RESOLUTION NO. <u>060507</u>
2 3	PASSED September 25, 2006
4 5 6 7 8 9	A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida recognizing the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region as a Sister City of the City of Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.; and providing an immediate effective date.
11	WHEREAS, the people of the City of Gainesville, Florida, desire to begin a long
12	standing friendship and association with the citizens of the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq,
13	Kurdistan Region; and
14	WHEREAS, a group has formed an organization, under the auspices of the Sister
15	City Program of Gainesville, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation (hereinafter the
16	"Gainesville Sister City Program"), called the Gainesville/Duhok Sister City Program; and
17	WHEREAS, the Gainesville/Duhok Sister City Program has the support of the
18	Gainesville Sister City Program and other Gainesville community leaders; and
19	WHEREAS, informal discussions have already been held between the Gainesville
20	Sister City Program and the governor of Duhok, who has stated in a letter dated May 31, 2006:
21	"We are honored to start this partnership between our communities"; and
22	WHEREAS, to formally implement the Gainesville/Duhok Sister City Program, the
23	City of Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A. desires to especially recognize the City of Duhok, Republic
24	of Iraq, Kurdistan Region, as a Sister City of Gainesville so that people of both cities will
25	communicate with one another and aid in the development of mutual friendships and
26	understanding.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA: Section 1. The Gainesville City Commission hereby recognizes the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region, as a Sister City of the City of Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A. under a program to be administered by the Gainesville Sister City Program. **Section 2.** The Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement for the Sister City Relationship Between the City of Duhok, Republic of Iraq, Kurdistan Region and the City of Gainesville, Florida, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 'A'. **Section 3.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2006. Pegeen Hanrahan Mayor ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

SEP 2 6 2006

Kurt Lannon

Clerk of the Commission

## EXHIBIT 'A'

## AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF DUHOK, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ, KURDISTAN REGION AND THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, USA.

The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was originally 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

The City of Gainesville, Florida enjoys a Sister City program under the auspices of the Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation; and

In order to foster those goals the people of the City of Duhok and the City of Gainesville, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring education, economic, and cultural opportunities.

The City of Duhok and the City of Gainesville, sharing a common interest in economic development, healthcare, sustainable reconstruction, municipal cooperation and the desire to promote mutual understanding among our citizens, and in cooperation with the Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation, do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities effective upon the execution of the agreement.

Signed on this day of, 2006, in counterparts in the Arabic and English Languages, both texts being equally authentic.			
Tamar R. Fatah	Pegeen Hanrahan		
Governor of Duhok	Mayor of Gainesville		
Republic of Iraq Kurdistan Region	City of Gainesville, Florida		