

**Agreement Establishing a Sister City Program
Between the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, USA,
and the City of Deir Alla, Jordan**

Whereas, the cities of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, USA, and the City of Deir Alla, Jordan, share similar goals of international cooperation, prosperity and peace; and

Whereas, citizens of both cities have shown genuine interest in creating a long-term friendship and cooperative relationship between the two cities; and

Whereas, both cities believe it to be in their mutual interest to broaden and strengthen ties between the two cities; and

Whereas, the City of Gainesville, Florida, Alachua County, USA, represented by The Honorable Edward Braddy, Mayor of the City of Gainesville, and the City of Deir Alla, Jordan, represented by The Honorable Khalifeh Ad-Dayyat, Mayor of the City of Deir Alla, are willing to establish and conduct friendly exchanges and cooperation; and

Whereas, both cities place similar values on cultural understanding and advances in technology innovation, medical programs, renewable energies, tourism, transportation management, youth programs and leadership, environmental stewardship and other areas;

Now, therefore, the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, USA, and the City of Deir Alla, Jordan, agree as follows:

§ 1

1. Both cities will endeavor to create mutually beneficial economic, cultural and educational opportunities by connecting counterpart individuals, organizations and institutions in areas of technology, healthcare, sports, renewable energy, transportation, agriculture, tourism, education and the environment;
2. Both cities will endeavor to identify new initiatives to further nurture economic, social, and cultural relationships; and
3. Both cities are committed to mutual support for organizing and developing the experiences, common activities and future programs of the Sister City relationship on the basis of mutual cooperation and directions set forth by this declaration.

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These activities will be carried out by the designated entities or organizations in the cities of Gainesville, Florida, and Mejdlaya, Lebanon, which will compile information about the activities undertaken within the framework of the partnership.

§ 3

The agreement is based on the resolutions of both municipalities.

§ 4

This agreement has been drawn up in four copies: two in English and two in Arabic languages. Texts in both language versions are equally valid.

§ 5

This Agreement is effective on the day of signature.

Therefore, We, the mayors of Gainesville, Florida, and Deir Alla, Jordan, in the belief that this Agreement will contribute to the cause of world peace and to the development of friendly relations between the peoples of Jordan and the United States and our two cities, do hereby affix our signatures and our city seals on this declaration to establish our relationship as Sister Cities.

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Edward Braddy
Mayor of the City of Gainesville

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Khalifeh Ad-Dayyat
Mayor of the City of Deir Alla

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