



City of Gainesville

Edward B. Braddy, Mayor



May 21, 2015

The Honorable Mayor of Mejdlaya
Lawyer Ebrahim E. Harfoush

Greetings,

I am pleased to inform you that by a unanimous vote of the Gainesville City Commission, the attached resolution was passed.

Mr. Sayed Moukhtara has offered to hand-deliver this letter to you. On behalf of the City of Gainesville and the Sister City Program, Mr. Moukhtara is authorized to conduct discussions with you about the Sister City relationship.

We look forward to many years of mutually-beneficial exchanges. Please convey our best wishes to all the people of Mejdlaya on this great day.

Sincerely,

Ed Braddy
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 150022

PASSED May 21, 2015

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, inviting the City of Mejdlaya, Zgharta District, Lebanon, to become a sister city of the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, USA, authorizing execution of a Sister City agreement and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida, desires to begin a long-standing friendship and association with the City of Mejdlaya, Zgharta District, Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, an organization called the Gainesville/Mejdlaya Sister City Program (hereinafter “GAMESC”) has been created under the auspices of Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc., a not-for-profit Florida corporation (hereinafter “Gainesville Sister City Program”); and

WHEREAS, informal discussions have already been held between the GAMESC and the Mayor of the City of Mejdlaya, Zgharta District, Lebanon, who has affirmed his city's interest in having a sister city relationship with Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, GAMESC has the support of the Gainesville Sister City Program and many Gainesville community leaders; and

WHEREAS, to formally implement the Gainesville/Mejdlaya Sister City Program, the City of Gainesville, Florida, USA, desires to officially invite the City of Mejdlaya, Zgharta District, Lebanon, as a Sister City of Gainesville, so that people of both cities will connect with one another, sharing knowledge and interests to aid in the development of mutual friendships, understanding and cultural opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. The Gainesville City Commission hereby invites the City of Mejdlaya, Zgharta District, Lebanon, to become a Sister City of the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, USA, under a program to be administered by the Gainesville Sister City Program.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute a Sister City Agreement between the City of Mejdlaya, Lebanon and the City of Gainesville, Florida.


Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2015.


Edward Braddy, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:


Kurt Lannon, Clerk of the Commission


Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney