

Proclamation

Whereas, the Sister City concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact; and

Whereas, to implement this program, Nashville, Tennessee, and other communities in the United States have been requested by Sister Cities International to affiliate with cities in other nations of similar characteristics and mutual interest; and

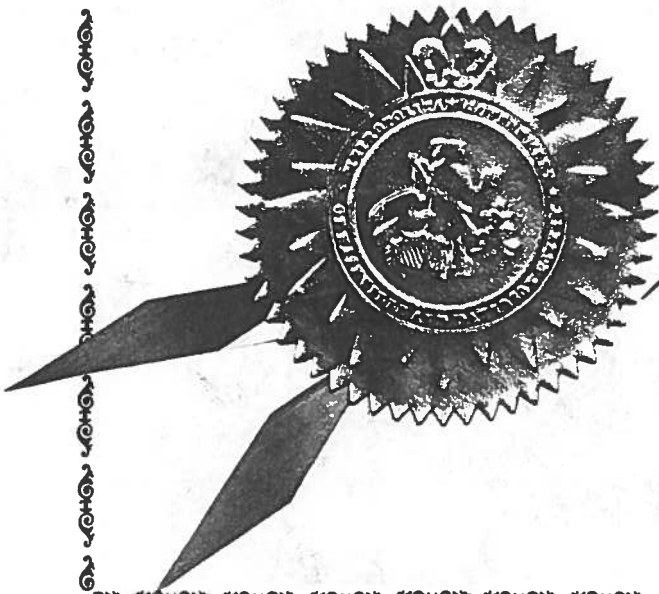
Whereas, the city of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has similar characteristics to Nashville, Tennessee, in that both are capital cities with populations of approximately one-half million people who are strong supporters of competitive sports -- especially of their professional hockey teams, the Edmonton Oilers and the Nashville Knights, and who love and support "country music," the music for which Nashville is famous around the world; and

Whereas, The city of Nashville, Tennessee, through its Metropolitan Council, has recognized and endorsed the Sister City concept and approved the recommendation of our local Sister City Advisory Board to adopt Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as our official Sister City, with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of our two great cities and nations.

Now therefore, I, Bill Boner, Mayor of Nashville do hereby proclaim

*Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and Nashville, Tennessee, USA
as Sister Cities*

and urge all citizens to engage in the exchange of ideas and people in order to learn more about both our similarities and our differences, and to create a greater mutual friendship and understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.



Bill Boner
Mayor