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Primary Details

Board Approval		Other Board Name	City Council Approval
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Department	Contact Name	Email	Phone
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Resolution Type		Owner-Grantor	
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Amount	Case Number	TMAPC Number	Council District
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Description (Subject)		Bid/Project Number	
Resolution affirming our friendship city status with Sumy, Ukraine.		_____	
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_____	_____	_____	_____
Lot	Block	Address	
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Budget

Funding Source(s)

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Approvals

Department: _____
 Legal: _____
 Board: _____
 Mayor: _____
 Other: _____

Date: 3/30/26
 Date: 3.31.26
 Date: APR 01 2026
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Policy Statement

Background Information

In early 2025, Tulsa's Deputy Mayor and Chief Economic Development Officer began conversations with officials in Sumy, Ukraine, regarding economic development opportunities for both cities. Both parties agreed that medical/biomedical and autonomous vehicle collaboration are key areas of interest. In February of 2026, an official from the Mayor's Office met with a delegation from Sumy during Ukraine Week in Washington DC to continue this conversation built on areas of interest. The parties agreed on several areas to continue engaging with each other and building partnerships. The delegation and officials from the Mayor's Office took part in a signing ceremony of a new friendship city declaration while in Washington. The delegation from Sumy then visited Tulsa and met with Councilor Lakin, Mayor Nichols, and several Ukrainian-aligned organizations and churches.

The delegation from Sumy requested that the Tulsa City Council consider adopting the language of the friendship declaration as a joint resolution.

Summation of the Requested Action

We are requesting that the City Council adopt this resolution affirming our friendship with Sumy, Ukraine.

Emergency Clause?

Reason for Emergency Clause

Yes

No

Processing Information for City Clerk's Office

Post Execution Processing

- Mail vendor copy (add'l signature copies attached)
- Must be filed with other governmental entity
- Add'l governmental entity approval(s) required

Additional Routing and Processing Details

(Published in the Tulsa World _____ day of _____ 2026.)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA,
DESIGNATING THE CITY OF TULSA AND THE CITY OF SUMY, UKRAINE AS FRIENDSHIP CITIES

Whereas, Ukraine and the United States of America have long enjoyed a strong working relationship and close diplomatic ties; they share a common interest in deepening economic and cultural ties; and,

Whereas, for centuries, the people of Ukraine have struggled to achieve an independent state that would preserve their language, culture and self-identity; and for many years, the United States has committed billions of dollars in assistance to Ukraine to support them in their defense of their homeland, their freedom, and our shared democratic values; and,

Whereas, to further the friendship between these two great countries, the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States of America, and the City of Sumy, Ukraine, affirm their commitment to work in unison for the benefit of their respective nations and cities; and,

Whereas, the City of Tulsa and the City of Sumy, based on friendly cooperation, responsible dialogue, and mutually beneficial projects, will promote and expand relations between the two cities in the areas of business, healthcare, defense technology, education, and religious institutions; and,

Whereas, in order to foster these goals, the Mayor of the City of Tulsa and the Acting Mayor of the City of Sumy, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate on a variety of projects for the mutual benefit of their communities and will work to deliver concrete outcomes for socio-economic development; the teams of the two Mayors will work together in the coming months to formalize a working agenda; and

Now therefore, we, the Mayor and City Council of Tulsa, Oklahoma, do hereby declare the City of Tulsa and the City of Sumy to be Friendship Cities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA THAT:

Section 1. The City of Tulsa hereby establishes a Friendship City relationship with the City of Sumy, Ukraine, in recognition of the longstanding cooperative ties between the United States of America and Ukraine, and in affirmation of the shared commitment of both communities to mutual understanding, collaboration, and goodwill.

Section 2. The City of Tulsa affirms its intent to work cooperatively with the City of Sumy to promote and expand relations in the areas of business development, healthcare partnerships,

educational exchange, defense-related technology innovation, and engagement among various religious and civic institutions.

Section 3. The City of Tulsa and the City of Sumy shall collaborate on identifying, developing, and advancing mutually beneficial projects that support socio-economic development within both communities. The administrative teams of the two cities shall work jointly over the coming months to build partnerships and areas of cooperation.

Section 4. The City of Tulsa expresses its support for continued friendship, responsible dialogue, and cooperative initiatives with the City of Sumy, and encourages public, private, and nonprofit entities in Tulsa to participate in opportunities that strengthen this international relationship.

ADOPTED by the Council _____
Date

Chair of the Council

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Received by the Mayor: _____, at _____
Date Time

By: _____
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: _____ At
Date

Time

Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



City Attorney