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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the “*City*”) is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sister Cities concept was inaugurated in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to establish friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through person-to-person exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Cities promote economic development and global understanding by assisting and encouraging the citizens of one city to form friendships and contacts with cities throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, a sister city relationship is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries that is officially recognized after the highest elected official from both communities agree to enter into an agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of these goals, the citizens of Blue Island, Illinois, United States of America, and the citizens of Villa Gonzalez Ortega, Zacatecas, Mexico have declared their willingness to work together for the purpose of creating mutual understanding and a future of peace and freedom by creating a world of friendship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island deem it advisable and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City for the City to establish a Sister City relationship with Villa Gonzalez Ortega, Zacatecas, Mexico in order to promote cultural and business ties and to provide a cooperative framework to strengthen economic endeavors and foster social activities with other communities around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and Aldermen find and determine that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the City as well as in the best interests of the public.

**Section 3.** That the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, United States of America establish a Sister City relationship with Villa Gonzalez Ortega, Zacatecas, Mexico.

**Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**Section 5.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2021, pursuant to roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON			X		
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman RITA			X		
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL	X				
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on July 27, 2021.

FRED BILOTTO  
 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this  
 27th day of July, 2021.

RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

