

**Resolution authorizing a one-year grant agreement with Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. for services that foster economic opportunity and cultural partnerships between Franklin County and international communities. (Economic Development & Planning) (\$50,000)**

**WHEREAS**, Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. facilitates introductions between leaders of business in Franklin County and their counterparts in sister cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. wishes to encourage wider community participation in and understanding of world cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. wishes to execute its mission of encouraging economic development, educational enhancement and cultural exchange by establishing and fostering relationships between Franklin County and each of its sister cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to support programs that foster economic growth, especially growth that is properly balanced and coordinated with that of the state and other local governments pursuant to Section 307.07(B) of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;**

The attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached contract between the Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, are hereby approved.

*Prepared by Michael C. Salvadore*