

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TWINNING THE CITY OF
KINGSTON with the British Overseas Territory of GIBALTAR**

WHEREAS, Gibraltar is a British overseas territory with a Westminster system of government, occupying a narrow peninsula of Spain's southern Mediterranean coast, just northeast of the Strait of Gibraltar on the east side of the Bay of Gibraltar and directly south of the Spanish city of La Linea; five kilometres (5 km) long and just over a kilometre wide and is connected to Spain by a low, sandy isthmus that is just short of two (2 km) kilometres long. A heavily fortified British air and naval base that guards the Strait of Gibraltar, which is the only entrance to the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean. Since the 18th century, Gibraltar has been a symbol of British naval strength, and it is commonly known in that context as "the Rock."

AND WHEREAS, the City of Kingston provided refuge and protection to approximately two thousand (2,000) Gibraltarians during World War II (1939-1945).

AND WHEREAS, the Gibraltar has taken steps to officially recognize the service to humanity that the City of Kingston and by extension the Island of Jamaica provided to its citizens.

AND WHEREAS, Gibraltar wishes to formalize and build a sustainable relationship with the City of Kingston through a twinning arrangement.

AND WHEREAS, this relationship shall prove mutually beneficial to both the City of Kingston and the Gibraltar.

AND WHEREAS, both these cities share deep cultural, creative and historic ties and have agreed to pursue and solidify this relationship through various initiatives such as, but not limited to: **governance, youth participation and leadership, community empowerment and tourism**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation support the twinning of the City of Kingston, Jamaica with the nation of Gibraltar

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Ministry of Local Government & Community Development for support

Moved By: COUNCILLOR TOSHA SCHWAPP

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