

RESOLUTION NO. 6354

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA HUATULCO, OAXACA, MEXICO

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Huatulco is one of 570 municipalities in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico; was founded 475 years ago; and has a population of about 40,000; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Huatulco is on the Pacific Coast of Mexico with a grand tradition of fishing, tourism, and culinary arts and is interested in sharing knowledge about healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Albany physician Louis Weinstein, who is associated with Samaritan Health Systems and Western Universities of Health Sciences, has visited Santa Maria Huatulco and other communities in the region for many years and has established a professional relationship with Senor Guillermo Berriochoa, president of the Huatulco Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, the region is interested in recruiting doctors and medical assistants; and

WHEREAS, Albany residents could benefit from better awareness of other cultures which a sister city relationship could encourage and facilitate; and

WHEREAS, Dario Pacheco Venegas, president of the Municipality of Santa Maria Huatulco, has extended bonds of friendship to the City of Albany with a request to form a sister city relationship, self-supported by the healthcare community, for the benefit of both cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council accepts President Pacheco's invitation and hereby accepts Santa Maria Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico, as Albany, Oregon's sister city.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk