

FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AND THE CITY OF HONFLEUR, LOWER NORMANDY, FRANCE

WHEREAS, in 1609 Samuel de Champlain set sail from the port of Honfleur in Lower Normandy, France on the voyage that would culminate with him being the first European to view Lake Champlain; and

WHEREAS, an informal but a mutually beneficial relationship originated in 2009 between the City of Honfleur and the City of Burlington in recognition of the 400th anniversary of de Champlain's exploration; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City Council of Burlington unanimously passed a resolution that acknowledged the positive role of French influence in our city; and

WHEREAS, the potential exists for the continued development of educational, cultural and economic opportunities between the two municipalities, a potential which would prove advantageous to both Honfleur and Burlington; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Michel Lamarre, the Mayor of Honfleur, will be a guest of the City of Burlington during the first week of July, 2013;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes Mayor Miro Weinberger to execute, on behalf of the City of Burlington, a Friendship Agreement between the City of Burlington and the City of Honfleur, which agreement shall be in substantial conformity with the attached document.

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## BETWEEN

THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, VT, USA  
AND  
THE CITY OF HONFLEUR, FRANCE

We, as local leaders of the Cities of Burlington, Vermont, USA and Honfleur, Lower Normandy, France, democratically elected by our fellow citizens, state our attachment to the special existing relationships between Honfleur and Burlington.

Based upon the many strong contacts and friendships established between our two Cities and communities during the 2009 celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival on Lake Champlain by our Samuel de Champlain, we desire to formalize the relationship and partnership between Honfleur and Burlington.

Therefore, we now officially establish a friendship agreement between our two Cities, to allow for the development of educational, cultural, and economic opportunities, and with this written understanding, we combine our efforts to ensure the continued development and success of the French and American relationships.

Therefore, we, Michel Lamarre, Mayor of Honfleur, Vice-Chairman of the General Council of the Calvados County, and Miro Weinberger, Mayor of Burlington, sign this friendship agreement in Burlington, Vermont on the third day of July, 2013.

For the City of Burlington

For the City of Honfleur

Miro WEINBERGER  
Mayor of Burlington

Michel LAMARRE  
Mayor of Honfleur

Lise VERONNEAU  
Chair, Burlington Honfleur Sister City  
Committee

Pierre JAN  
Chairman, Honfleur Twinning  
Committee