

RESOLUTION 17-1993

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF
ABILENE, TEXAS AND CORINTH, GREECE,
ENTERING INTO A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP AND
INVITING THE CITIZENS OF
ABILENE AND CORINTH
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Sister City concept was introduced by the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, in 1956, to establish greater friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations of the world through direct personal contact, and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Abilene have invited the citizens of Corinth to become our Sister City and enter into friendships between its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the city of Corinth is well-known as a city of historical Biblical significance, recognized for the letters of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, and

WHEREAS, the city of Abilene is known as a city which values the family, a city of Biblical scholars, Western culture and the American cowboy, and

WHEREAS, we believe that by learning to understand other societies and cultures of the world we can improve our understanding and sensitivity to the citizens in our own communities, and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Committee of Abilene, Texas has undertaken to develop a program of exchanges with Corinth, Greece which will have mutual benefits for both cities in the areas of education, economic development, arts and culture, youth, medical and sports, and government, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Abilene have been deeply honored by the enthusiasm, good-natured, and friendliness of the citizens of Corinth who have traveled here on a mission of friendship under the leadership of the Honorable Panagiotis Dalaklidis, Mayor, and

WHEREAS, we believe we can help each other solve problems and improve the lives of our citizens through the exchange of ideas, knowledge, technology and resources and,

WHEREAS, we believe that friendships between people of all ages opening their hearts to each other can help achieve world peace.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF ABILENE AND CORINTH:

SECTION 1. That the Cities of Abilene and Corinth hereby proclaim their sister city relationship under the terms of Sister Cities International.

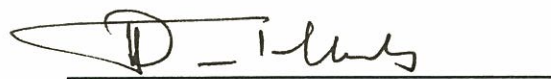
SECTION 2. That the Mayors of Abilene and Corinth are hereby authorized to act as official representatives of Abilene and Corinth to carry out this program.

SECTION 3. That copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C., the Embassy of Greece in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece, the Greek Consulate in Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Dora Mitsotaki-Bakogianni, Minister of Culture, Greece.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 1993.



Gary D. McCaleb
Mayor
City of Abilene



Panagiotis Dalaklidis
Mayor
City of Corinth

