

PROCLAMATION  
Honoring

GAU-ALGESHEIM AND REDFORD TOWNSHIP  
25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP

- WHEREAS:** In September of 1989, the first international gathering of representatives from Gau-Algesheim and Redford Township's Sister City Commission including Mr. Manfred Heuser, Mrs. Carol Raeside, Deputy Supervisor Kevin Kelley, and Mrs. Kerri Wykoff occurred in Redford Township, MI;
- WHEREAS:** The Sister City Partnership Charter between Redford Township, Michigan USA and Gau-Algesheim, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany was officially signed in Gau-Algesheim on June 21, 1990;
- WHEREAS:** On April 14, 1992, Governor John Engler and the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Michigan issued a Special Tribute to the Sister Cities Organization noting that "individual friendships among people form the strongest bonds of peace and goodwill in our world"; and,
- WHEREAS:** Students, teachers, residents, musicians, volunteers and elected officials from Redford Township and Gau-Algesheim have continued to build upon this longstanding, international relationship with annual educational and cultural exchanges; and,
- WHEREAS:** Reflections on world changes since our International Friendship began, include the fall of the Berlin Wall, unlimited access to the world wide web, advancements in cellular technology, solar powered energy, and agricultural drones; and
- WHEREAS:** In July of 2015 a contingency of students, teachers and residents, musicians, volunteers and elected officials will once again gather in Gau-Algesheim to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Partnership Charter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the Redford Township Board of Trustees that we celebrate the 25-year partnership and friendship between Redford Township and Gau-Algesheim and extend our best wishes to our friends of Gau-Algesheim, Germany, Mayor Dieter Faust, Peter Kressmann, and Clausfriedrich Hassemmer. We also extend our greatest appreciation to the members of the Redford Township Sister City Commission including Mrs. Johanna Schaeffer, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Handy, Mrs. Andrea Dadourian, Mrs. Theresa Gordon, Mrs. Marie Lowry, Ms. Kathleen McHahwar, Ms. Danielle Murray, Mr. Ken Koski, Mr. Paul Crenshaw, Ms. Robyn Smart, Mr. Lloyd Tanner for their continuing efforts on behalf of our Sister City Partnership. We also remember with great fondness Mr. Manfred Heuser without whom none of this would be possible.



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Presented: July 30, 2015