

PROCLAMATION

Gau-Algesheim - Redford Township Sister-Cities 15th Anniversary

WHEREAS: 2005 proudly marks the 15th anniversary of the Charter Township of Redford's affiliation with Gau-Algesheim, Germany one of our Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS: For many years, Peter Kressmann had been a member of a group called "Gulaschsingers". As a GM executive, he had the opportunity to visit the United States and was able to make arrangements to have the "Gulaschsingers" perform in the States. In the process, he met Manfred Heuser, at that time the chairman of the Sister-City-Organization of Redford. They performed here in Redford and other areas with great success, and through this partnership in 1988, the decision was made by the mayors of both communities to be officially affiliated as sister cities; and

WHEREAS: The Partnership Charter was signed on June 21, 1990 in the Townhall of Gau-Algesheim, Germany by Mayor Claus-Friedrich Hassemer, by Theo Hattemer, President of the Sister-City-Organization Gau-Algesheim, and by Manfred Heuser, Chairman of the Sister-City-Commission, Redford Township; and

WHEREAS: On February 11th, Gau-Algesheim, our Sister-City, will be celebrating its 650th anniversary; the town was founded in 1355. The relationship with Gau-Algesheim has been most fruitful and educational; with rewarding cultural exchanges and successful events promoting continuing dialogue between global neighbors and becoming a unique force in promoting peace and friendship; and

WHEREAS: Through international communication comes strength and acknowledgement that we are more alike than different and share many common goals and have similar needs; and

WHEREAS: Recent world events have emphasized the importance of understanding and fellowship across the world and the need for mutual alliances of respect, interest and purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we the members of the Charter Township of Redford Board of Trustees, do hereby recognize the 15th anniversary of the affiliation of Gau-Algesheim, Germany and Redford Township as sister-cities.