RESOLUTION NO. 218

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE CITY OF KARSIYAKA, TURKEY, TO BECOME A SISTER CITY AND INVITING THE PEOPLE OF KARSIYAKA, TURKEY, TO PARTICIPATE IN SAID PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Sister City concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact, and

WHEREAS, all succeeding U.S. Presidents have endorsed said program, to be conducted for the broad purposes of the exchange of ideas and people between the citizens of the United States of America and the peoples of other nations, and

WHEREAS, to implement this program, the City of University Place and other communities in the United States have been requested by Sister Cities International to affiliate with cities in other nations of similar characteristics and mutual interest, and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place, through its Council, does recognize and endorse this program with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of University Place, and the people of Karsiyaka, Turkey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That this Council, on behalf of the people of University Place, does hereby extend an invitation to the government and the people of the City of Karsiyaka, Turkey, to participate with University Place as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to act as the official representative of the City of University Place to carry out this program.

Section 3. That copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Mayor and Council of the City of Karsiyaka, Turkey, Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C., the Embassy of Turkey, and the U.S. Embassy in Turkey.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 17, 1999.

Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Matthew, City Clerk