

# RESOLUTION 1868

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A STATEMENT OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION TO FACILITATE A PROFESSIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE (TWINNING) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON AND THE TOWNLET OF MESTIA, REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Asian Development Bank (“ADB”) is an international development finance institution dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments promoting social and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, one tool the ADB uses to pursue its mission is “Twinning,” a relationship fostered between peer institutions from developing and developed countries in the form of a professional and cultural exchange to assist the developing institution through a mentor-mentee relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, a goal of ADB project *Georgia: Livable Urban Areas: Integrated Urban Plans for Balanced Regional Development* (“Georgia Livable Areas”) is to define a short-list of projects to help assist defined regions within the Republic of Georgia improve public services and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, during Phase 3 of Georgia Livable Areas, in March of 2018, the concept of a Twinning relationship between the City of North Bend (“City”) and the Townlet of Mestia (“Mestia”) was presented to the ADB and accepted as a worthy pursuit; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept of Twinning was presented to the North Bend City Council Community and Economic Development Committee (“CED Committee”) on October 16, 2018, at which additional details of the exchange were requested; and

**WHEREAS**, City Staff presented the Twinning concept to the Executive Director of the Si View Metropolitan Park District on October 30, 2018 and the North Bend Downtown Foundation on November 13, 2018, and both expressed enthusiasm toward the proposed Twinning; and

**WHEREAS**, City Staff presented a full Twinning proposal to the CED Committee on December 18, 2018, and the CED Committee endorsed the proposal as an excellent way to culturally enrich the City, promote the City’s brand, and gain insights in outdoor recreation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City of North Bend, Washington agrees to pursue a non-binding relationship in the form of Twinning, a professional and cultural exchange, facilitated through the Asian Development Bank. Exchange details shall be determined depending on the desires of both communities and the resources available to fund such an exchange. This resolution does not impose formal obligations nor represent any commitment with regard to funding, staff, or other resource commitments by the City of North Bend. This resolution is an instrument of support from the City Council to be used for future planning of this exchange.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.**

**CITY OF NORTH BEND:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor**

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**Eileen Keiffer, City Attorney**

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:**

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**Susie Oppedal, City Clerk**