

RESOLUTION NO. 17-141 C.S.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP
WITH ISOLA DELLE FEMMINE, SICILY ITALY

WHEREAS, Isola delle Femmine is the birthplace of many people of Italian heritage that have lived in Monterey and a large group of people who currently reside in Monterey who are originally from Isola delle Femmine or whose ancestors came from Isola delle Femmine;

WHEREAS, the people of Isola delle Femmine are primarily fishermen who pioneered the fishing and canning industry which flourished in Monterey;

WHEREAS, Isola delle Femmine is a coastal city, a favorite for tourists, well known for its fishing industry, nature reserve and coastal beauty; all which makes it a very good match for the City of Monterey;

WHEREAS, establishing a sister city bond would perpetuate community pride and mutual cultural benefits;

WHEREAS, there would be little, if any, out of pocket costs to the City of Monterey;

WHEREAS, the program will fall under the guidelines currently being established for the City of Monterey Sister City Program;

WHEREAS, both cities are committed to mutual support for organizing and developing the experiences, common activities, and future programs of the Sister City relationship set forth by this declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines), Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY hereby agrees to enter into a Sister City relationship with Isola delle Femmine, Sicily, Italy which will help to develop a continuing relationship between the cities of Monterey and Isola delle Femmine. The social and cultural benefits of this relationship will reach hundreds of Monterey residents as well as residents in Isola delle Femmine.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 15th day of August, 2017, by the following vote:


AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Albert, Barrett, Haffa, Smith, Roberson
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Mayor of said City



City Clerk thereof

