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Kassandra Gove, Mayor

A Resolution to Formally Establish a Twinning Relationship Between the City of Amesbury, Massachusetts United States of America and the Town of Amesbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom.

Summary:

WHEREAS, Twinning was widely promoted after World War II to engender reconciliation and build relationships and a twinning link is customarily defined as a friendship agreement involving co-operation between two communities in different countries, endorsed by local authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amesbury, Massachusetts, embraces opportunities to connect with other communities around the world to foster cultural exchange, educational collaboration, and mutual appreciation of our shared values; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, Amesbury, Massachusetts, and Amesbury, Wiltshire, have maintained a friendly relationship marked by mutual recognition, civic visits, and shared history—including a certificate from the City of Amesbury, MA that has hung in the Clerk's office in Wiltshire since 1979, commemorating their millennium celebration; and

WHEREAS, Amesbury, Massachusetts, founded in 1668 along the banks of the Merrimack River and known for its legacy of shipbuilding, carriage manufacturing, and vibrant civic life, is remarkably similar in character and values to Amesbury, Wiltshire, one of England's oldest towns dating back to AD 979 and located near the historic monument of Stonehenge; and

WHEREAS, these are the only two communities in the world that bear the name "Amesbury," and their connection - through shared identity, heritage, and civic pride - offers a unique opportunity to deepen cultural ties and foster international understanding; and

WHEREAS, establishing a formal Twinning relationship is a meaningful way to honor this connection, and to create new opportunities for friendship, learning, cultural exchange, and community-building for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cllr Dr. Monica Devendran of Amesbury, Wiltshire, and Mayor Kassandra Gove of Amesbury, Massachusetts will jointly sign a formal “Twinning Oath” during a reception in August 2025, establishing the relationship in a spirit of friendship, mutual respect, and goodwill; and, now, therefore,

Be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the Amesbury City Council formally recognizes and establishes a Twinning relationship with Amesbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom; and

That the City of Amesbury commits to supporting this relationship through collaborative programs, ceremonial exchanges, and community-based initiatives, encouraging and fostering meaningful connections for generations to come.