Resolution
on the
Sister City Agreement
between
Rome, Italy
and
Washington, D.C.
PROTOCOL OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROME, ITALY AND WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, U.S.A.

The Mayor of Roma Capitale, Ignazio R. Marino, and the Mayor of the District Columbia, Vincent C. Gray guided by the traditional links of friendship between the Republic of Italy and the United States of America and their respective capitals, desiring to develop collaboration between the two cities in the economic, educational, social, environmental, and cultural spheres, and aware that cities today constitute a vital factor of the international relations.

Hereby agree to the following:

FRIENDSHIP
The two sister cities will promote mutually beneficial cooperation in all sectors that interest the citizens of Rome and Washington, D.C. as set forth in this document.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE
The two cities will exchange information and expertise in the areas of municipal administration, urban physical infrastructure, transportation, sustainable development, environmental and historic preservation, recreational opportunities for seniors and youth and multiculturalism.

CULTURE AND EDUCATION
The two cities will promote the development of programs to encourage their citizens to share experience and learn from each other, including exchanges in the areas of culture, archival preservation, sports and academics as well as collaboration of students and teachers. Particular attention will be given to exchanges of works of art and of experts in other relevant sectors.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
The two cities will promote collaboration among local business owners and entrepreneurs, with special focus on tourism.
WORKING GROUPS
The two cities will appoint two technical working groups for the implementation of this protocol and the identification of common future projects in the above mentioned fields. The working groups will be under the direction of the designated contact in each respective government.

TERMS
The costs of the implementing initiatives will be covered by the two cities.

The two cities may develop additional programs for their mutual benefit.

The date of the signing of this Agreement, the twelfth of December of 2013, determines the first day of enactment of this agreement and replaces any prior Agreement. This Agreement will be in effect for a period of five years.

The Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia for Washington D.C. and the Cabinet of the Mayor of Rome are responsible for project proposals, implementation, follow-up, and supervision of this protocol and the initiatives that stem from it.

The present agreement will be implemented in full respect with the current laws and legislations in both countries, as well as with the international obligations mutually undertaken, and – as far as Italy is concerned – in full respect with the obligations ensuing from its membership of the European Union and in conformity with the provisions of the Codice dei Beni Culturali.

Signed by the Mayor of Rome, Ignazio R. Marino and the Mayor of Washington, District of Columbia, Vincent C. Gray on December 12, 2013, in both the Italian and English languages, both texts begin equally authentic.