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2 **Resolution Relating to**  
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**RESOLUTION**  
Sponsor(s): Councilors Blais,  
Decelles  
Introduced: 10/17/11  
Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

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7 SUPPORTING THE "TWINNING" OF DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS  
8 IN BURLINGTON, VERMONT AND DRUMMONDVILLE, QUEBEC

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12 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

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14 In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....

15 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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17 That WHEREAS, Fondation Rues principales, (Quebec City), encourages and supports  
18 sustainable downtown development and revitalization in municipalities throughout the Province  
19 of Quebec; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Vermont's Downtown Program provides technical assistance  
21 and training for downtown revitalization efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, the Church Street Marketplace District is a business improvement district in  
23 the heart of downtown Burlington and is a member of the Vermont Downtown Program. The  
24 Marketplace is within the City of Burlington's Downtown Improvement District. The  
25 Downtown Improvement District (D.I.D.), which includes the Church Street Marketplace  
26 District, is bounded by the shoreline of Lake Champlain on the west, the north property lines of  
27 properties fronting on Pearl Street on the north, the east property lines of properties fronting on  
28 South Winooski Avenue on the east, and the south property lines of properties fronting on Main  
29 Street to the intersection of Battery Street and then extending southerly to include properties  
30 fronting on Maple Street, on the south; and

31 WHEREAS, the Burlington Business Association is a non-profit member organization  
32 that promotes the economic vitality of Burlington, and is a supporter of the Vermont Downtown  
33 Program; and

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40 WHEREAS, since 2007, the Church Street Marketplace, Burlington Business  
41 Association, Vermont Downtown Program and Fondation Rues principales have held meetings  
42 and forums to share ideas and strategies that address common opportunities and challenges  
43 between the State of Vermont and the Province of Quebec; and

44 WHEREAS, in 2010, Fondation Rues principales proposed the concept of "twinning," --  
45 pairing downtown districts from Vermont and Quebec to increase opportunities for information  
46 exchange. Fondation Rues principales and the Vermont Downtown Program monitor and guide  
47 all of the twinned cities; and

48 WHEREAS, in 2011, Burlington's Downtown District was "twinned" with  
49 Drummondville's Downtown District; and

50 WHEREAS, Drummondville is a city of 67,000 in the Centre-du-Québec region  
51 of Quebec, located east of Montreal on the Saint-François River. Ninety-five percent of the  
52 population speaks French. It is the home of the Mondial des Cultures (World Folklore Festival)  
53 one of the world's largest folk festivals in the world, attracting over 300,000 visitors; and

54 WHEREAS, in June, 2011, representatives for Burlington's Downtown District met in  
55 Drummondville with that municipality's representatives, to discuss common goals and strategies  
56 for "twinning;"

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Burlington's Downtown District be  
58 encouraged to continue its twinning relationship with Drummondville, and seek ways to further  
59 increase and enhance information exchanges that are mutually beneficial for both downtowns.