



BURLINGTON – HONFLEUR SISTER-CITY CHARTER

Whereas the cities of Honfleur (France - Calvados) and Burlington (United States of America - Vermont) have maintained a relationship since 2009;

Whereas historical ties exist in both cities around Samuel de Champlain and his actions both in France and in Vermont;

Whereas the City of Burlington declared October 9, 2012 to be "Honfleur Day";

Whereas a Friendship Charter was signed on July 3, 2013 in Burlington; and

Whereas the friendship between the two municipalities has been fostered and strengthened over the past 10 years; now, therefore,

We, the elected representatives of the citizens of Honfleur and Burlington, convinced of the necessity to develop relations between our two countries, aware of the specific interests of our constituencies, and of the need and value of relationships between our respective peoples, make a commitment, in full respect of the relations between our two countries:

To maintain strong and lasting connections in order to exchange ideas and experiences and to implement any joint activity which may be mutually enriching in all areas under our capabilities;

To promote and support exchanges between our fellow citizens aiming at fostering effective cooperation through better mutual understanding;

To act according to the rules of hospitality, in full respect of our diversity and in a climate of trust and a spirit of solidarity;

To ensure everyone the opportunity to participate in exchanges between our two cities without discrimination;

To promote, through our exchanges and cooperation, the universal values of freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law; and

To combine our efforts in order to achieve, to the full extent of our ability, the success of this essential undertaking for peace, progress and prosperity.

In witness whereof, we, Michel LAMARRE, Mayor of Honfleur and Vice Chair of the Conseil Départemental du Calvados, Miro WEINBERGER, Mayor of Burlington, Pierre JAN, President of the Honfleur Twinning Committee, and Lise VERONNEAU, Chair of the Burlington Sister-City Committee, officially proclaim and hereby sign this Sister-City Charter.

For the City of Burlington

Miro WEINBERGER

Lise VERONNEAU

Pierre JAN

For the City of Honfleur

Michel LAMARRE

Mayor of Burlington

Chair, Burlington Honfleur
Sister City Committee

Chairman Honfleur
Twinning Committee

Mayor of Honfleur