



PATTO DI AMICIZIA

Tra i Comuni di

Castrolibero

Blue Island

Provincia di Cosenza – Italy

Illinois - U S A

Il Sindaco del Comune di Castrolibero, Sig. Orlandino Greco

Ed

Il Sindaco del Comune di Blue Island, Sig. Ferdinando Bilotto

In rappresentanza delle rispettive Comunità convengono quanto segue:

Considerato l'interesse reciproco delle due Amministrazioni Comunali e delle rispettive Comunità ad instaurare, sviluppare e consolidare proficui rapporti di amicizia, solidarietà, incontro, ospitalità, scambi culturali e conoscenza reciproca;

Considerata la possibilità che in futuro sia consolidato il sodalizio tra i due Comuni giungendo alla sottoscrizione di un patto di "Gemellaggio"

Ritenuto che il presente "**Patto di amicizia**" tra i comuni costituirà motivo permanente di impegno politico ed operativo a beneficio dei propri cittadini.

Ciò premesso e considerato, sottoscrivono il presente

PATTO DI AMICIZIA

Con la sottoscrizione del presente atto si afferma l'interesse dei

Comuni di Castrolibero (CS) e di Blue Island (Illinois)

E delle rispettive Comunità

- Ad instaurare, sviluppare e consolidare proficui rapporti di amicizia, solidarietà, incontro, ospitalità, scambi culturali e conoscenza reciproca;
- A considerare la possibilità che in futuro sia consolidato il sodalizio tra i due Comuni giungendo alla sottoscrizione di un patto di "Gemellaggio" che vincoli i reciproci rapporti di amicizia, solidarietà, scambio e confronto culturale delle rispettive Comunità

Letto, confermato e sottoscritto

Addì 5 maggio dell'anno 2024, nella Sede Municipale del Comune di Castrolibero (CS)

Comune di Castrolibero

Comune di Blue Island

Il Sindaco

Il Sindaco

Orlandino Greco

Ferdinando Bilotto



FRIENDSHIP PACT

Among the Municipalities of

The Mayor of the Municipality of Castrolibero, Mr. Orlandino Greco
And

The Mayor of the Municipality of Blue Island, Mr. Ferdinando Bilotto

On behalf of their respective communities, they agree as follows:

Considering the mutual interest of the two Municipal Administrations and their respective communities in establishing, developing and consolidating profitable relationships of friendship, solidarity, meeting, hospitality, cultural exchanges and mutual knowledge;

Considering the possibility that in the future the partnership between the two Municipalities will be consolidated leading to the signing of a "Twinning" pact

Considered that this "Friendship Pact" between the municipalities will constitute a permanent reason for political and operational commitment for the benefit of their citizens.

Having said this and considered, I sign this document

FRIENDSHIP PACT

By signing this deed, the interest of the
Municipalities of Castrolibero (CS) and Blue Island (Illinois)

And of their respective communities

- To establish, develop and consolidate profitable relationships of friendship, solidarity, meeting, hospitality, cultural exchanges and mutual knowledge;
- To consider the possibility that in the future the partnership between the two Municipalities will be consolidated, leading to the signing of a "Twinning" pact that binds the mutual relationships of friendship, solidarity, exchange and cultural comparison of the respective communities

Read Confirmed and signed

On May 5th of the year 2024, in the Municipal Headquarters of the Municipality of Castrolibero (CS)

Municipality of Castrolibero
The Mayor
Orlandino Greco

Municipality of Blue Island
The Mayor
Ferdinando Bilotto

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2024-007**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HONORING CASTROLIBERO,
PROVINCE OF COSENZA, ITALY**

**FERDINANDO BILOTTO, Mayor
RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, City Clerk
JAIRO FRAUSTO, Treasurer**

**DEXTER JOHNSON
LUIZ MONTOYA
NANCY RITA
BILL FAHRENWALD
GABRIEL McGEE
CANDACE CARR
JOSH ROLL**

Alderman

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-007

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HONORING CATROLIBERO, PROVINCE OF COZENZA, ITALY**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the “City”) is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, near the turn of the Century, immigrants from across Europe arrived in Blue Island in search of the American Dream. Italian immigrants hailing from the Calabria region began settling in Blue Island during this time, building homes near the rail roads that brought them, and settling on the East Side and South Side of the City; and

WHEREAS, through their first decade in Blue Island, Italian immigrants began making Blue Island their home, building houses, establishing businesses, and starting families. In 1905, they sought their own place of worship. As such, the community established and built with their own hands St. Donatus Catholic Church, The church still sits today on the East Side where it continues to be a cultural centerpiece to Italian descendants of Blue Island;

WHEREAS, following World War II, Italian immigration once again swelled and the population of Blue Island became predominant with Italian descendants, many attaining elected office in the City and State. To this day, the cultural imprint of Italy and specifically Castrolibero is strong throughout the City;

WHEREAS, this Resolution honors the spirit of the first Italian immigrants that settled in this region and the tremendous contributions Italians and Italian-Americans have made to Blue Island throughout the years;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island deem it advisable and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City for the City to honor the contributions Castrolibero, Province of Cosenza, Italy has made to the City of Blue Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Aldermen find and determine that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the City as well as in the best interests of the public.

Section 3. That the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, United States of America honors the contribution Castrolibero, Province of Cosenza, Italy has made to the City of Blue Island.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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ADOPTED this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 2024, pursuant to roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON			X		
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL	X				
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on FEBRUARY 27, 2024.

FERDINANDO BILOTTO
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
27TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS.

CERTIFICATION

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the RESOLUTIONS and BOOKS of the records of said City.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HONORING CASTROLIBERO, PROVINCE OF COSENZA, ITALY.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-007 which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **27TH of February, 2024**; that at said meeting **6** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Resolution did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Resolution was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **6** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **1** Alderman Absent.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the original Resolution which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **27th** day of **February, 2024**.

CORPORATE SEAL



City Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) ss.

CERTIFICATION

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the RESOLUTIONS and BOOKS of the records of said City.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CASTROLIBERO, ITALY.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-026 which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **9TH of July, 2024**; that at said meeting **6** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Resolution did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Resolution was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **6** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **1** Alderman Absent.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the original Resolution which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **9TH** day of **July, 2024**.

CORPORATE SEAL

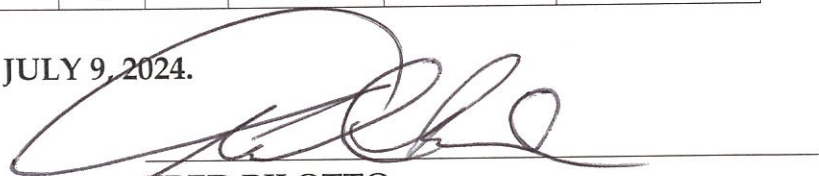
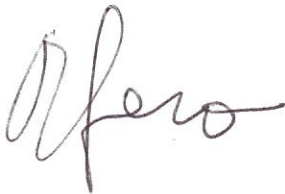


City Clerk

ADOPTED this 9TH day of **JULY, 2024**, pursuant to roll call as follows:

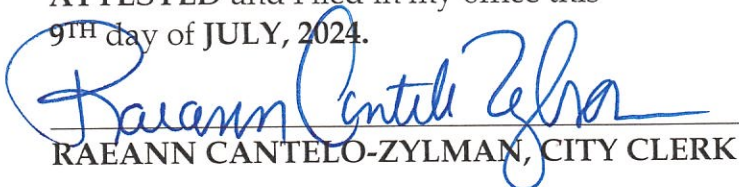
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman RITA			X		
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL	X				
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on **JULY 9, 2024**.



FRED BILOTTO
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
9TH day of **JULY, 2024**.



RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2024-026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY
RELATIONSHIP WITH CASTROLIBERO, ITALY**

**FRED BILOTTO, Mayor
RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, City Clerk
JAIRO FRAUSTO, City Treasurer**

**DEXTER JOHNSON
LUIZ MONTOYA
NANCY RITA
BILL FAHRENWALD
GABRIEL McGEE
CANDACE CARR
JOSH ROLL**

Alderman

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH
CASTROLIBERO, ITALY**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "*City*") is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities concept was inaugurated in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to establish friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through person-to-person exchange; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities promote economic development and global understanding by assisting and encouraging the citizens of one city to form friendships and contacts with cities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, a sister city relationship is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries that is officially recognized after the highest elected official from both communities agree to enter into an agreement; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these goals, the citizens of Blue Island, Illinois, United States of America, and the citizens of Castrolibero, Italy have declared their willingness to work together for the purpose of creating mutual understanding and a future of peace and freedom by creating a world of friendship; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island deem it advisable and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City for the City to establish a Sister City relationship with Castrolibero, Italy in order to promote cultural and business ties and to provide a cooperative framework to strengthen economic endeavors and foster social activities with other communities around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Aldermen find and determine that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the City as well as in the best interests of the public.

Section 3. That the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, United States of America establish a Sister City relationship with Castrolibero, Italy.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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