



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **MILWAUKEE COUNTY TO RE-ESTABLISH SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

*Supervisor Mayo to join County Executive at ceremonial signing of resolution Wednesday*

*Milwaukee, WI* – **Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr.**, will join **County Executive Scott Walker** in signing a resolution re-establishing Milwaukee County's Sister Cities relationship with King Williams Town, South Africa, which is now part of Buffalo City. The new Sister Cities relationship establishes friendship and greater understanding between the people of Milwaukee County and Buffalo City.

**The resolution signing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the Milwaukee County Courthouse Rotunda.**

“One of the most important aspects of this Sister Cities relationship is developing an international health initiative,” Supervisor Mayo said. “Our goal is to build off of our history as a founding member of the Center for International Health.”

The new agreement, authored by Supervisor Mayo, further encourages joint efforts to promote a bridge between the people of both nations through mutually beneficial business, health, and culture exchanges, and supports development of a program of activities to strengthen the relationship.

**Board Chairman Lee Holloway** approved the funds to move the partnership forward. “\$7,500 from County Board accounts was dedicated to make this happen,” Chairman Holloway said. “I also signed a contract with the Center for International Health to bring dignitaries from the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C. to Milwaukee.”

“I'm thrilled to join the County Executive in signing this landmark legislation,” Supervisor Mayo added. “It truly is a win-win for the residents of Milwaukee County and Buffalo City in South Africa.”

Milwaukee County is a full participating member of Sister Cities International, inaugurated in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. The membership is entirely funded within the County Board's budget. In 1997, the County established a Sister Cities agreement with King Williams Town. But it is necessary to re-establish the agreement after King Williams Town merged with two other townships, East London and Bisho, and was renamed Buffalo City. The city elected its first female Mayor last year.

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