

Dane County

Resolution

RES. 392, 1989-90

ESTABLISHING A SISTER COUNTY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF APARTADO, COLOMBIA

WHEREAS, the people of Dane County and the people of Apartado, Colombia share much in common including the scenic rural character of their communities, a substantial involvement in agriculture, the democratic character of their local governments and a deep concern for the human rights of peoples everywhere, and

WHEREAS, the people of Apartado have through their elected officials, human rights groups, farmers' organizations, women's groups, labor and business organizations expressed a strong desire to establish a sister-county relationship with the people of Dane County in order to facilitate people to people exchanges and education on areas of mutual interest such as the problem of drugs which jeopardizes the well-being of both communities, and

WHEREAS, the people of Apartado are currently suffering from serious human rights --abuses including political murders, illegal imprisonments, the destruction of crops, attacks on farmer groups and labor organizations, and death threats carried out by the military, private death squads and para-military organizations, and

WHEREAS, many individuals and organizations in Dane County including human rights organizations, religious groups, labor unions and university groups have indicated their strong interest in linking up with the people of Apartado in order to work for an improvement in the human rights situation as well as to facilitate the sending of humanitarian aid, mutual education concerning the problem of drugs, religious exchanges, technical assistance and the establishment of agricultural and other economic links between the two communities, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the people of Dane County to increase our contacts with communities in other parts of the world because such contacts promote international friendship and world peace, facilitate education and joint action on problems of mutual concern, enrich our cultural awareness, offer the possibility of increased trade and economic opportunities and deepen our commitment to the protection of human rights for all people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County enters into an official sister-county relationship with Apartado, Colombia and recognizes the Colombian Support Group of Dane County as the local organization which will facilitate exchanges between our two communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that no county funds shall be requested following passage of this resolution.



Richard Wagner
R. Richard Wagner, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May 1990.

Carol L. Nelson
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Dane County Clerk

