RESOLUTION NO. 2006-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AFFILIATION OF WULENSI (NANUMBA SOUTH DISTRICT) NORTH REGION, GHANA, AFRICA AS A SISTER CITY

Whereas, the Sister City Program was initiated by President Eisenhower in 1956 to encourage friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

Whereas, in order to foster those goals, the people of Othello Washington and Wulensi (Nanumba South District) Northern Region, Ghana Africa in a gesture of friendliness and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their countries and communities; and

Whereas, the affiliations between those involved in agriculture, business, schools, churches, civic and government organizations will promote understanding, awareness and appreciation of each other's culture, resources and people; and

Whereas, this partnership is formalized in an official agreement between the governments of our two communities who acknowledge that the real strength and vitality of this long-term association rests wholly in the hands of our citizens and volunteers supporting this alliance, and

Whereas, the volunteer citizen groups in both communities, believing that this relationship will make a contribution toward the peace and prosperity of the world agree to support and encourage opportunities for exchange of information, materials and experience in the fields of agriculture, irrigation, education and health; and

Whereas, the United States Government, and the State of Washington acknowledge and support this relationship through Sister Cities International, of which the City of Othello is a member.

Now Therefore, to promote international diplomacy between Africa and America, in the spirit of friendship and goodwill and on behalf of our two communities, the Othello City Council hereby approves the creation of a sister city relationship with Wulensi Ghana, Africa.

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ADOPTED by the City Council of Othello, Washington on this 25^{-h} day of September 2006.

Shannon McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Debbie L. Kudrna, City lerk 117112—