

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER STATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF GUJARAT, REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The State of New Jersey of the United States of America and the State of Gujarat of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

In order to strengthen the partnership and good relationship between the people of the State of New Jersey of the United States of America and the State of Gujarat of the Republic of India for the mutual benefit of their citizens, the following cooperative efforts have been mutually agreed upon:

Article 1

The Parties will further develop the mutual understanding of shared issues and concerns of the governments and citizens of respective Party as they relate to economic, cultural, and educational development.

Article 2

The Parties will enhance mechanisms for further dialogue through which the governments and citizens of each Party may exchange views, express concerns and arrange to undertake such joint actions as may be of mutual benefit.

Article 3

The Parties will support mutually beneficial educational and business opportunities, including the potential coordination of efforts to encourage mutual visits of academic, scientific, and business delegations.

Article 4

Opportunities will be identified for joint industrial research and development collaborations between the Parties including the establishment of mechanisms to promote scientific and technological cooperation between the Parties.

Article 5

Facilitate favorable conditions for cooperation in areas of economic development, clean energy, higher education, tourism, culture, and health to include the establishment of direct contacts between people, enterprises, and organizations.

Article 6

Support mutually beneficial trade and investment partnership opportunities including the identification and development of joint cooperative initiatives and efforts in areas such as research, industry, commerce, tourism and other related fields.

Article 7

Promote and participate in initiatives which further cultural exchanges in music, performing and visual arts, sports, health, and related areas.

Article 8

Maintain open lines of communication to encourage continued discussions and develop programs and activities of mutual interest to the Party's respective citizenry.

Article 9

The cooperation described in the Sister State Partnership Agreement shall be subject to the applicable laws, decrees, and regulations of the Parties and will be implemented within the limits of the State's respective financial, material and personal capabilities.

Article 10

The Sister State Partnership Agreement shall not create legal relations between the State of Gujarat, the Republic of India and the State of New Jersey, the United States of America. The Agreement will take effect on the date of the signature; and

Article 11

The Sister State Partnership Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall remain in force until two months after the date on which one of the Parties receives written notification from the other Party of its intention to terminate it.

The Sister State Partnership Agreement is signed in Gandhinagar, State of Gujarat, Republic of India on 21st September 2019 in two copies.

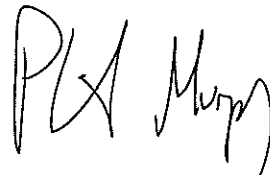


**For the State Government of
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