



**City of Annapolis**  
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**Friendship City Relationship with Frankston, Australia** – For the purpose of authorizing a friendship city relationship between Annapolis, Maryland and Frankston, in the State of Victoria, Australia.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
**City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 15-25**

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**  
**Co-sponsored by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**Friendship City Relationship with Frankston, Australia**

**FOR** the purpose of authorizing a friendship city relationship between Annapolis, Maryland and Frankston, in the State of Victoria, Australia.

**WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis, Maryland, United States of America, is a historic and vibrant city renowned for its unique maritime heritage, its role as the capital of Maryland, and its exceptional commitment to fostering international understanding and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Frankston, Victoria, Australia, is a dynamic and thriving city located on the beautiful shores of Port Phillip Bay, celebrated for its arts and culture, its stunning beaches, and its dedication to community development; and

**WHEREAS,** Both Annapolis and Frankston share commonalities in their coastal locations, their emphasis on community engagement, their appreciation for the arts and cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS,** A friendship city relationship between Annapolis and Frankston would not only provide opportunities for mutual benefit through cultural, educational, economic, and social exchanges but also enhance the global standing of both cities; and

**WHEREAS,** A friendship city relationship provides opportunities for connection and sharing that will provide insights into the cultural, social, environmental and economic life of each jurisdiction without imposing formal obligations or costs on either; and

**WHEREAS,** Fostering international friendships and understanding is not just vital for promoting global peace and cooperation but also for shaping a more interconnected and harmonious world; and

**WHEREAS,** The establishment of a friendship city relationship will encourage the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and best practices between our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of Annapolis hereby officially establishes a friendship city relationship with the City of Frankston, Victoria, Australia; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of Frankston, Victoria, Australia, as a symbol of our friendship and commitment to this partnership.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

**ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2025.**

**Aye: 8** Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill,  
Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson,  
Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

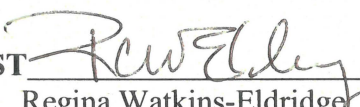
**Absent: 1** Alderman Gay

**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY  
COUNCIL**

  
Gavin Buckley, Mayor

Date: 5/12/2025

**ATTEST**

  
Regina Watkins-Eldridge MMC,  
City Clerk

Date: 5/12/25