

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

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

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8 **Resolution 15-25**

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10 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

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12 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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