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2 **Sister City Relationship with the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina** – For the  
3 purpose of authorizing a sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis and the City  
4 of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

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9 **Resolution 57-23**

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11 **Introduced by:** Mayor Buckley

12 **Co-sponsored by:** Alds. Pindell Charles, Arnett, Schandelmeier

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **Sister City Relationship with the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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18 **FOR** the purpose of authorizing a sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis  
19 and the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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21 **WHEREAS,** Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on the Miljacka River, has  
22 invited Annapolis to participate as a Sister City, joining established  
23 Sarajevo Sister City capitals including Ankara, Budapest, Kuwait City,  
24 Madrid, Stockholm, Tripoli, Zagreb; and

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26 **WHEREAS,** Sarajevo, like America (and Annapolis), is known for its multicultural  
27 heritage, where people of different ethnicities and cultures coexist  
28 together; and

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30 **WHEREAS,** Sarajevo has Bascarsija, a famous bazaar and tourist destination in the  
31 historic district; while Annapolis has the historic port known as City  
32 Dock; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** Sarajevo has Vrelo Bosne, a natural park on the outskirts of the City,  
35 highlighting the natural beauty of the region, while Annapolis has the  
36 beautiful Chesapeake Bay, which has provided beauty and bounty to  
37 residents of the region for centuries; and

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39 **WHEREAS,** The Sister City Program is a global network of over 1,600 communities in  
40 145 countries that are dedicated to building relationships through citizen  
41 diplomacy; and

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1 **WHEREAS,** The City of Sarajevo is a vibrant and diverse community that shares many  
2 values with the City of Annapolis; and  
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4 **WHEREAS,** A sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis and the City of  
5 Sarajevo would provide opportunities for mutually beneficial exchanges in  
6 the fields of business, arts, culture, education, sports, and tourism.  
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

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- 11 1. The Annapolis City Council hereby authorizes a sister city relationship with  
12 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and  
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  - 14 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of  
15 Understanding and all necessary documents to formalize the sister city  
16 relationship with the City of Sarajevo; and  
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  - 18 3. The City Manager is authorized to work with the Mayor in promoting and  
19 facilitating exchanges between the City of Annapolis and the City of Sarajevo,  
20 Bosnia and Herzegovina.  
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22 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that  
23 this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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