## RESOLUTION 20782 (N.C.S.)

## A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SÖKE, TURKEY

WHEREAS, in September 2014, seven Rotarians from the Central Coast including four from the City of Salinas, traveled to the City of Söke, Turkey as part of a Rotarian Friendship Trip; and

WHEREAS, the participants believe the City of Salinas and the City of Söke share cultural and economic commonalities manifested in their cultural heritage and economic industries, particularly agriculture such that they have formed a local Salinas- Söke Sister City Organizing Committee; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2015, the City Council of the City of Söke passed a resolution expressing their interest in establishing a sister city relationship with the City of Salinas.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Salinas City Council does hereby authorize the establishment of a formal sister city relationship with Söke, Turkey in order to promote mutually beneficial cultural, educational and social interests and economic growth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Castañeda, De La Rosa, Lutes, McShane and Mayor Gunter

**NOES:** None

ABSENT: Councilmember Craig

**ABSTAIN:** None

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk