

# Declaration of Sister City Affiliation

*Whereas this Sister City affiliation was established to foster greater friendship and understanding between the people of Canada and Mexico through the medium of direct personal contact; and*

*Whereas the citizens of the town of Collingwood, Ontario, Canada and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico have expressed their willingness and desire, through their respective councils, to twin and become Sister Cities, and to share ideas and encourage exchanges of their citizens in the areas of arts, culture, sports, tourism, industry and economy, that will lead to a lasting friendship between their people, fellowship amongst our citizens, and to promote good will between Canada and Mexico, which we believe will contribute to world peace and human welfare; and*

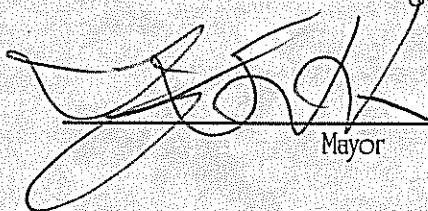
*Whereas this partnership will provide a deeper understanding of each other's lives and traditions, while finding common elements that link our two communities. Both Collingwood and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo are ready for growth in many areas and can work to achieve our goals together.*

*Now, therefore, be it declared that on this historic occasion at the City of Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico and the Town of Collingwood, Ontario Canada, the Honourable Amador Campos Aburto, Municipal President of Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo and his Worship Terry Geddes, Mayor of Collingwood, have hereby inscribed their signatures and do hereby formally declare the official twinning of their respective communities as Sister Cities, thereby recognizing and enshrining the various and divergent community interests of their citizens in building a better climate for international understanding.*

*Thus we declare the affiliation between our two cities as Sister Cities.*

*Duly signed, declared and proclaimed by the respective parties this Twenty Second day of September, 2005.*

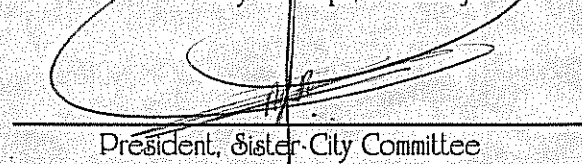
Town of Collingwood



Mayor



City of Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo



President, Sister City Committee

