

September 24, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the 89th Texas Legislature met in regular session between January 15, 2025 and June, 2, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill (H.B) 128 was filed on March 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 128 provides that sister city agreements between cities in Texas and cities in China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia must be terminated no later than October 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 128 was approved by both chambers of the Texas Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 128 was signed by Governor Greg Abbott on June 20, 2025 and took effect on September 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas has previously entered sister city agreements with Saratov, Russia and Tianjin, China; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2022, the City of Dallas formally suspended formal diplomatic ties with Saratov, Russia while Vladimir Putin holds power following Russia's invasion of Ukraine; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to formally terminate its sister city agreements with Saratov, Russia and Tianjin, China in compliance with H.B. 128.

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the sister city agreements between the City of Dallas and Saratov, Russia and Tianjin, China are formally terminated in accordance with H.B. 128.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Secretary of Dallas attests and affixes the seal of the City of Dallas to the resolution and that a copy be transmitted to United States Department of State; the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, the Dallas Regional Chamber, and Dallas Protocol.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.