## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN WESTON, CT, UNITED STATES AND SIVERSK, DONETSK, UKRAINE

WHEREAS, the Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk seek to promote international understanding and friendship through the establishment of sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine has caused immense suffering for the people of Ukraine and has tested the resilience of its cities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Weston acknowledges the role that it can play in supporting the Ukrainian people and promoting peace through citizen diplomacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk agree as follows:

- 1. The Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk hereby establish a sister city relationship.
- 2. The Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk recognize the importance of cooperation and exchange of expertise and experiences between the two cities, and will encourage visits, exchanges, and joint initiatives by their respective citizens, institutions, and organizations.
- 3. The Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk commit to exploring ways in which their respective cities can support each other, including through the sharing of best practices and expertise in areas such as community development, infrastructure, and municipal governance.
- 4. The Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk agree to work together in promoting people-to-people exchanges, cultural understanding, and educational programs between the two cities
- 5. The Town of Weston and the Town of Siversk agree that the establishment of a sister city relationship is a symbol of hope and friendship between the United States and Ukraine, and a commitment to peace, stability, and prosperity in the region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective, have signed this memorandum of understanding on this 16th day of May, 2023.

FOR THE TOWN OF WESTON, CT:

[First Selectwoman]

FOR THE TOWN OF SIVERSK, UKRAINE:

[Head of Military Administration]

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