

## **Renewed Friendship Agreement 2020 between: The Municipality of Aileu, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Hume City Council and Moreland City Council, Victoria, Australia**

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On 4 May 2000, in recognition of the aspirations of the people of East Timor and Aileu to take control of their future, Hume City Council and Moreland City Council committed to a friendship relationship with the District of Aileu.

This commitment was made on the day that Mr Xanana Gusmão delivered the 13<sup>th</sup> *Blackburn Oration on The Importance of Community Alliances in the Re-building of East Timor*.

The Friends of Aileu Community Committee, which was established in 2000, continues to operate as a means for the Hume and Moreland City Councils, partner organisations and members of the community to collaborate in respect of the friendship relationship.

The friendship relationship has been periodically renewed, most recently in 2016 with the signing of a Friendship Agreement between the Aileu Municipal Administration, Hume City Council and Moreland City Council.

In recognition of the continuing value of this relationship to our communities:

- We the undersigned reaffirm our organisations' commitment to the friendship relationship and the principles and values on which it is based, including sustainability, mutual respect, mutual understanding and Timorese-led decision making
- We also reaffirm our organisations' commitment to support the development of local government in Aileu, as outlined in the Municipal Cooperation Agreements (2016) between the Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration and the Hume and Moreland City Councils.

Accordingly, we agree that we will continue to work together in friendship to:

- Respond to the aspirations of the people of Aileu as they build their democratic local government and work towards an inclusive, prosperous and sustainable future
- Engage with the people of Aileu in ways that complement their efforts to achieve the goals they have for their communities
- Ensure that any activities that we undertake respect:
  - The policies and programs of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and priorities identified in consultation with the Aileu Municipal Administration and Aileu community organisations
  - The capacity of our organisations, partners and communities to resource and sustain them

- Foster engagements with and between young people as they take on their responsibilities for the future
- Share our stories, cultures, perspectives, skills and resources, and improve mutual understanding
- Help develop and maintain strong communities in Aileu and in Hume and Moreland.

We acknowledge the independence, wisdom, knowledge and skills of the people of Aileu and their representative and community organisations.

We also acknowledge the complementary roles and contributions of the Friends of Aileu and their Australian partner organisations, and of other community groups and organisations engaging with Aileu in the spirit of friendship.

This agreement is intended to be a guide for our organisations, and for the communities we represent for the coming five years. This agreement will not have any legal effect and may be terminated or varied as agreed.



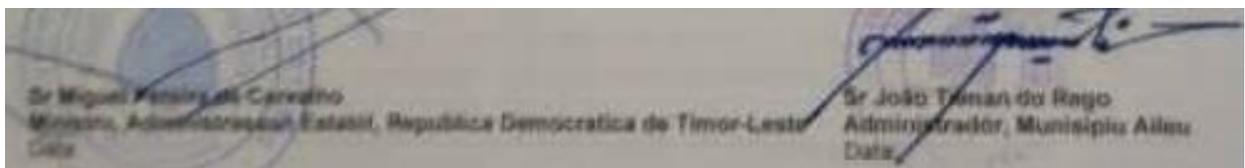
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 3 September 2020



**Councillor Joseph Havel**  
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**Community Committee**  
 21 September 2020



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