

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SISTER STATE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND COUNTY CORK OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

In order to further friendly diplomatic relations, enhance cultural and historic understanding and cooperation, and to promote international trade between the State of Maryland of the United States of America and the County Cork of the Republic of Ireland, the parties hereto have resolved to enter into an agreement of friendship and exchange under a Sister State relationship.

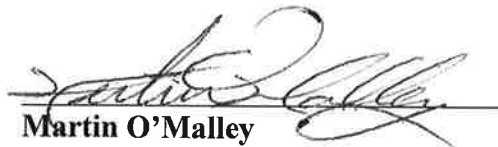
Recognizing the mutual interests of the State of Maryland, USA and County Cork of the Republic of Ireland and the many opportunities for cooperation in business and industry, arts and culture, education and research, and health, it is our objective to build long-term relationships, promote commercial cooperation and develop joint programs of exchange in all of these areas and in others that may be identified in the future.

Within this agreement, both the State of Maryland and County Cork agree that the Maryland-County Cork Sister State Executive Committee will be established in both regions to administer this relationship and each shall be chaired by a permanent member of the respective Committee.

It is also agreed that this agreement envisages and is designed to benefit the State of Maryland, USA and County Cork, Republic of Ireland. The State of Maryland and County Cork each recognize and acknowledge the instrumental and formative roles that they played in advancing and cementing this relationship.

In witness whereof, the Governor of the State of Maryland and the Mayor of County Cork have signed this agreement of mutual cooperation.

Agreed upon in Annapolis, Maryland the United States of America, the 10th day of May, 2013.



Martin O'Malley
Governor, State of Maryland
United States of America



Barbara Murray
Mayor, County Cork
Republic of Ireland