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AUTHORIZING TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES TO KASSEL,
GERMANY

In 2007 Dane County entered into a cooperative agreement with Landkreis (County) Kassel, Hessen, Germany to form a sister county relationship. The purpose of the agreement is to exchange ideas and build economic partnerships regarding transportation, education, culture, and the arts.

Since 2007, Dane County has participated in multiple cultural exchanges with Kassel, Germany. Additionally, a delegation from Dane County visited Kassel, and a delegation from Kassel has visited Dane County. These exchanges and delegation visits have continued to foster the sister-county relationship as well as broaden the bounds of innovative ideas.

A delegation including County Board Chair Patrick Miles and supervisors Castillo and Pellebon, as well as County Clerk Scott McDonell will travel to Kassel for a series of meetings with local officials and business leaders to discuss commonalities and collaboration opportunities in late June 2023. The County Board Office has a line in the budget for Kassel initiatives to pay for travel expenses related to the trip for the County Board Chair and County Board Supervisors. .

The purpose of this visit will be to exchange ideas related to economic development, renewable energy, and climate change. These topics are not unique to Dane County, and visiting a similar county in a foreign country may provide opportunities for innovation and idea sharing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board Chair Patrick Miles and Supervisors Castillo and Pellebon, as well as County Clerk Scott McDonell be authorized to have travel expenses reimbursed for travel outside the continental United States to Kassel, Germany, for the purpose of continuing the beneficial economic, cultural, and educational partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Dane County Board Chair Patrick Miles and accompanying supervisors shall make a report to the Board about the trip and the partnership with Kassel, Germany within eight weeks of their return.