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AUTHORIZING TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE  
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES TO CUSCO, PERU

In 2022, Cusco, Peru and the City of Madison formalized their sister city relationship. The purpose of this sister city relationship is to provide multicultural exchanges and collaborate in an effort to bridge culture, arts, and humanitarian efforts. Two of the specific program goals are sustainable humanitarian economic development and environmental use of land and air.

In March 2024, a delegation including the Mayor of Cusco visited Dane County to exchange ideas and engage in discussions on topics important to Cusco and Madison. Due to some existing challenges with their landfill and waste management system, one area of particular interest for Cusco is responsible waste management. Therefore, the Mayor's delegation toured the Dane County Waste & Renewables facilities and visited with staff.

The Madison – Cusco sister city organization is organizing a delegation from our region to travel to Cusco in late June 2024 to exchange ideas and provide technical assistance. A request has been made through the sister city organization for Dane County Waste & Renewables Director John Welch to be part of this delegation, to provide technical assistance related to landfill management and waste management systems. This will include an in-depth visit to the existing landfill, a visit to the proposed future landfill site, and several meetings with local officials involved in waste management and environmental protection. The Department of Waste & Renewables has sufficient funds budgeted for this travel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and County Executive do hereby approve and authorize Dane County Waste & Renewable Director John Welch to travel to Cusco, Peru as part of a delegation in June 2024 and to have travel expenses reimbursed for travel outside the continental United States.