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City of Zdolbuniv
Executive Committee of the Zdolbuniv City Council
Attn: Mayor Vladyslav Sukhlyak
35705 Rivne Region, Zdolbuniv, St. Mykhayla Hrushevs'koho, 14

Dear Mayor Vladyslav Sukhlyak,

On behalf of the City of Marshalltown, located in the State of Iowa within the United States of America, I write today to formally express our interest in developing a Sister City with Zdolbuniv, Ukraine, to further build on the relationships and mutual understanding between our two nations. Our desire is to build educational, economical, and cultural ties to one another.


The City of Marshalltown is located in central Iowa on the banks of the Iowa River, and is surrounded by several parks and wildlife areas. It has a rich baseball history and this all-American pastime still plays a big role in the life of the community. We are the home of Lennox, which makes heating and air conditioning units; of Emerson, which has the largest market share of industrial valves; JBS, our largest employer, which processes pork; and Mechdyne, which sells 3-D visualization products around the globe. Our census population is around 28,500, but I suspect it is closer to 30,000. We are already the host to Ukraine families that have been displaced by Russia's war against it.

To provide more information on the City of Marshalltown, I've included a profile of our City as well as, our website (<https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/>) as another source for ample information.

The benefits of Sister City relationships are many. Through people-to-people relationships, sister cities can promote peace, cultural understanding, and resource sharing to further develop each community. By partnering together on research and development, our cities can profit from the experience and knowledge of our people. And finally, the importance of understanding one another's culture cannot be understated. We are looking forward to offering mentorship and sharing expertise as Zdolbuniv participates in the HOVERLA program supporting Ukraine's decentralization reform.

The City of Marshalltown would be honored if you would provide a response to our request.

Sincerely,



Joel T.S. Greer
Mayor

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