



Ville de Lamotte-Beuvron

PARTNERSHIP OATH

We, undersigned, the Mayors of our respective towns, proclaim the partnership of the municipalities of Paris, Kentucky, USA and Lamotte-Beuvron, in the Loire Valley, France, thus sealing a relationship of friendship and solidarity.

In celebrating together on this day the establishment of the linkage of our two communities, the representatives of Paris, Kentucky in the USA and Lamotte-Beuvron, in the Loire Valley in France, express their sincere wish and hope that this event will mark the first step toward a friendship that will prove both beneficial and enjoyable to all.

Conscious of their shared interests, of the need and value of personal connections between their respective populations, they confidently embrace the development of a deep, vibrant and unifying friendship through different exchanges and cultural, social, touristic and economic programs.

We also pledge:

- To preserve a high quality of life for our residents and for future generations,
- To encourage and support exchanges between our communities,
- To act according to the rules of hospitality, with respect for our differences, in an atmosphere of trust and in a spirit of solidarity.

We solemnly declare, on behalf of the citizens whom we represent, our commitment to the cultivation of understanding, respect and friendship between our two municipalities.

In witness whereof,

We affix on this document our signatures and the seals of our municipalities.

Signed in duplicate, in Paris, Kentucky, USA, on

Mayor of the Paris, Kentucky
Michael THORNTON

Mayor of Lamotte-Beuvron,
Pascal BIOULAC



Ville de Lamotte-Beuvron

OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP CHARTER

Between,
Mister Pascal BIOULAC, Mayor of Lamotte-Beuvron, in the Loire Valley, France, duly authorized to this effect by approval by its City Council.
On one side.

And,
Mister Michael THORNTON, Mayor of Paris in the Kentucky, USA, duly authorized to this effect by approval by its City Council.
On the other side.

The following has been discussed and agreed upon:

The towns of Lamotte-Beuvron in the Loire Valley, France, and Paris, Kentucky, USA, express their wish to forge bonds of friendship and understanding around equestrian activities.

Our two cities have several similarities:

- Similar sizes, with respect to their populations as well as their physical area,
- Proximity to one of the largest equestrian parks in the world,
- Strong cultures of social and community service,
- Historical tradition,
- A character of wanting to forge its own destiny.

These reasons provide a solid foundation on which to build a deep friendship nurtured through mutual enrichment.

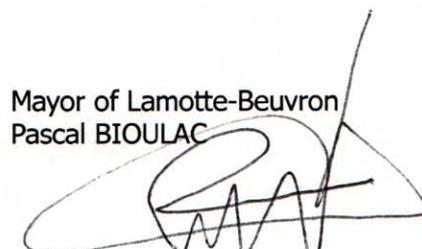
Objectives:

- To promote connections between the populations,
- To assist in organizing visits and educational, cultural, and athletic exchanges,
- To promote tourism in our respective regions,
- To develop joint projects promoting economic exchanges and meetings of elected officials, association leaders, youth, etc.

Each municipality will rely on a steering committee that will handle the promotion of the linkage and will serve as a bridge to local populations, associations, companies or schools.
The signing of this charter will result in a ceremony of the partnership.

Signed in duplicate, in Paris, Kentucky, USA, on


Mayor of Paris, Kentucky
Michael THORNTON


Mayor of Lamotte-Beuvron
Pascal BIOULAC