RESOLUTION NO. 1-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FORGING A RELATIONSHIP WITH ALTRIP, A MUNICIPALITY IN GERMANY, THROUGH PROGRAMMING TO EXCHANGE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL INFORMATION IN AN EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN TWINNING.

WHEREAS Altrip is located in the Rhine River Valley of Germany, and is home to many long-time Kutztown residents' ancestors; and

WHEREAS both towns will explore, encourage, and promote opportunities for shared cultural exchanges, visits, and experiences between the two communities and their broader regions, to build understanding and nurture transatlantic friendship between the United States and Germany; and

WHEREAS both Altrip and Kutztown have strong histories and traditions that are celebrated at the annual Kutztown Folk Festival; and

WHEREAS a pen pal program was created by the Kutztown Community Library to help members of the two communities to get to know each other; and

WHEREAS the Kutztown University Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center plays a large role in preserving and celebrating the history and cultural heritage that was brought to Kutztown from Altrip and the broader German Palatinate region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the municipality of Altrip, Germany, and the Borough of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, will participate in town twinning through programming to exchange historical and cultural information.

DULY ADOPTED AS A RESOLUTION this 16th day of February, 2021, by the Council of the Borough of Kutztown, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in a lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN

BY:

Kevin J. Snyder, Council President

ATTEST:

Gina M. Wiand, Borough Secretary

APPROVED as a Resolution this 16^h day of February, 2021.

James F. Schlegel, Mayor