CITY OF SALINAS

RESOLUTION NO. 20174 (N.C.S.)

ESTABLISHMENT OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH DROGHEDA, IRELAND

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas recognizes the value in fostering relationships with cities throughout the world in order to promote peace and prosperity in a global society; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Drogheda, Ireland and Salinas, California share cultural and economic commonalities manifested in their cultural heritage and economic industries, particularly agriculture; and

WHEREAS, service groups such as the Irish Technology Leadership Group and Salinas' agricultural groups have forged close connections; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley's agricultural interest has expanded to Drogheda, in part through the visits and efforts of Mayor Dennis Donohue, and the cities have already initiated a sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Drogheda Borough Council on December 5, 2011 approved a proposed "twinning" or sister city relationship with the City of Salinas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Salinas City Council hereby authorizes the establishment of a formal sister city relationship with Drogheda, Ireland in order to promote mutually beneficial cultural, educational and social interests, and economic growth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Barrera, De La Rosa, Lutes, McShane, Sanchez, and

Mayor Donohue

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Craig

APPROVED:

Dennis Donohue, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Barajas, City Clerk