

FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

Regarding economic cooperation and contact in the fields of science, education, culture, health, sports, and tourism between the cities of

Lakeland, Florida, the United States of America
and Rybnitsa, Pridnestrovie, Moldova.

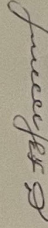
In order to develop friendship between the people of Rybnitsa, Pridnestrovie, Moldova and the United States of America, and to stimulate economic and cultural cooperation. Lakeland, Florida and Rybnitsa, Pridnestrovie, will do their utmost in order to facilitate the most favorable conditions in cooperation in the areas of science, economy, and culture. We agree to establish direct contacts between enterprises and scientific organizations, to organize mutual visits, and exchange delegations.

We will take steps to realize friendly activities; to have cultural exchanges in art, sports, health, and other fields. In order to accomplish our goals, we would like to exchange friendly delegations and to look for their means of cooperation.

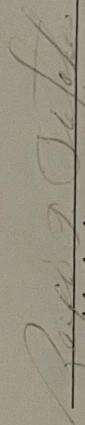
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Yuriy Platonov, Mayor of Rybnitsa



Efim Vlasuk, Chairman of Town Council



Ralph Fletcher, Mayor of Lakeland

Thomas Shaw, Lakeland City Commissioner

September 20, 1997 - Rybnitsa, Pridnestrovie, Moldova