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Mayor Scott Long signs the Sister City Agreement while Korosten Mayor Volodymyr Moskalenko (on big screen, top row, third from left) signs a similar agreement in his city. Photo by Joseph Slacian

Wabash, enter Ukrainian City Agreement city of Korosten

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The City of Wabash has become a sister city with Ukrainian

city of Korosten, Zhytomyr Oblast. Mayor Scott Long and Korosten Mayor Volodymyr Moskalenko signed the agreement during a ceremony June 20 The ceremony was carried live in both communities via the

foundation for continued education and growth within our communities and benefit the citizens of all ages. our first Sister City agreement with the City of Korosten," Long said. "I believe that international relationships are the "Today is a historic day for the City of Wabash, as we sign

"I look forward to assisting Korosten in every way possible as we build up our friendly relations through exchanging ideas, culture, education and other spheres. I believe this will be a mutual beneficial time for both of our cities and people. "When we gather and share our experiences, the world becomes a much richer place."

Moskalenko, through an interpreter, expressed similar feel-

ings.
"The City of Korosten is very happy to sign the Sister Cities Agreement with the city of Wabash, Indiana, because the

exchange of best practices in the field of culture, education and economic cooperation is extremely important for the development of communities," he said. "We are very interested in adopting the experience of U.S. cities in the development of local self-government.

"Democracy, freedom, human rights are key values to which we strive, and we will be sincerely grateful to our American partners for their support."

Wabash is the second Indiana city to begin a sister city relationship with a Ukrainian community. The day before Wabash and Korosten entered the agreement, the City of Monticello process. entered a similar agreement with Liubar, Zhytomy Oblast. (An oblast is similar to a state in America.)

The relationship between the two communities is part of Long's vision of "Opening the world to Wabash and Wabash to the world."

"As mayor of Wabash, one of my goals is to better prepare our students and community to compete globally," he said. "The relationships that I began building in Asia, beginning in 2018, have made tremendous strides toward that goal." Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of Grow Wabash County, believes the agreement will bring more opportunities for both communities. , beginning in

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