

Friendship Agreement
between
the State of Maryland, United States of America
and Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

In order to establish and strengthen relations between their respective regions, John P. McDonough, Maryland Secretary of State, and Dan Crummell, Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), hereby join with each other in reaching the following understanding.

With the mutual prosperity and well-being of their respective citizenry as shared objectives, the Parties will explore opportunities to cultivate a greater understanding of each other, raise cross-cultural awareness, and generally advance the friendship between the State of Maryland and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Recognizing the importance of strong historic ties, the Parties will endeavor to develop these ties and expand exchanges in the areas of culture and heritage.

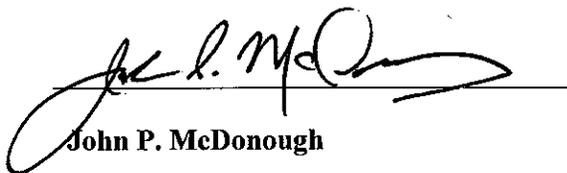
Additionally, the Parties will support collaboration in areas of education and post-secondary education for the benefit of the peoples of both Newfoundland and Labrador and the State of Maryland.

The Parties will establish a bilateral working committee to implement this agreement by developing annual and long-term cooperation programs; proposing specific ways and means of collaboration; and monitoring and assessing common activities. This committee will report to each of the Parties' representatives who will meet at least once a year wherever possible and appropriate.

This Friendship Agreement remains in effect for two years from the date of its signing. The Friendship Agreement can be extended for additional two-year periods on written confirmation of both Parties or can be cancelled by written notification of one of the Parties. Should the latter occur, the Parties will terminate current and scheduled cooperation projects under this Agreement upon the date of such notification. This Friendship Agreement expires upon the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding: Sister-State Agreement between the Parties.

This agreement has two copies. Each copy is signed by the representatives of the two Parties on behalf of the respective regions and kept by their respective governments.

Signed in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on July 28, 2014.



John P. McDonough

Secretary of State

State of Maryland, U.S.A.



Dan Crummell

**Minister of Municipal and
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