



*Whereas, the International Court System is one of the oldest and largest organizations working to promote the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people for over 41 years; and*

*Whereas, the International Court System has a unparalleled international network of courts and baronies which annually raise millions of dollars to support worthwhile causes; and*

*Whereas, the Matthew Shepard Foundation is working to advance the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and erase hate with understanding, compassion, and acceptance; and*

*Whereas, the International Court System and the Matthew Shepard Foundation each wish to increase the participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual ,transgender and allied people in the pursuit of equality and the end of hate in the United States; and*

*Whereas the Matthew Shepard Foundation has petitioned her Imperial Majesty, Empress Nicole the Great, Queen Mother of the Americas, to enter into a partnership to facilitate the two organizations working together to promote equality and erase hate for our people; and*

*Whereas, her Imperial Majesty has determined that such a partnership would be beneficial to the larger gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community,*

*Now therefore the International Court System and the Matthew Shepard Foundation do hereby enter into this Imperial Accord of Partnership and agree to work together to promote the cause erase hate for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied people and to engage in joint projects to increase the participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the pursuit of justice for all people.*

*This Accord of Partnership shall remain in full force and effect until dissolved by the decree of her Imperial Majesty, Empress Nicole the Great, Queen Mother of the Americas, or her successor to the throne or the International Court Council of the United States, Mexico and Canada.*

*Signed and Sealed and Ratified this 2nd Day of August in the City of San Diego in State of California in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight.*

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*Judy Shepard  
Executive Director, Matthew Shepard Foundation*

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*City Commissioner Nicole Murray-Ramirez  
(Empress Nicole the Great , Queen Mother of the Americas)*

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*Andrew Tweedie  
Development Director, Matthew Shepard Foundation*

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*Empress Panzi  
President, International Court Council*

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*Empress J. Jose  
Founder, International Court System*