

## RESOLUTION 2011-25R

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NILES, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND IN THE UNITED STATES VISA WAIVER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Niles, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a). Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “*Home Rule Powers*”); and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America and the Republic of Poland share the historical experience of fighting for freedom, democracy, and universal values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Poland is a free, democratic and independent nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Poland and the United States of America in 1999 became formal allies through membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Poland has proven to be an indispensable ally in the global campaign against terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, Limanowa, Poland and the Village of Niles, Illinois, became Sister or Twinning Cities as part of the Sister Cities International Program and have exchanged visits between the two cities on numerous occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States of America and other high ranking officials have described the Republic of Poland as one of America's closest allies in Europe; and