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WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the proclamation of the European Day of Mayors

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1. Mayors represent the public authority closest to citizens and their everyday needs and concerns.
2. Protocol No 2 to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union lays down the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, according to which wide consultations involving, where appropriate, regional and local authorities, are considered necessary.
3. Member States and EU institutions and bodies, including the Committee of the Regions, as representative of local and regional authorities at EU level, organise various activities to celebrate local governance, which is a component of the subsidiarity principle shared by all Europeans.
4. These activities promote mutual communication between mayors and EU institutions, as well as comprehension of each other's tasks and competences.
5. The Commission is hence called on to promote these activities and link them with the European Week of Regions and Cities, and to support the proclamation of a European Day of Mayors.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 123(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.