



FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BARCELONA

In order to strengthen relations, exchange, and provide mutual benefit to their communities, Carlos A. Gimenez in his capacity as Mayor of Miami-Dade County, assisted during the signing ceremony by Commissioner Javier D. Souto, and Xavier Trias in his capacity as Mayor of the City, assisted during the signing ceremony by Jordi Cases, General Secretary of the Municipal Corporation of Barcelona, as mandatory notary and legal advisor, do hereby join their respective communities in a friendship and cooperative partnership.

After friendly consultation, the parties hereby agree to the following:

ARTICLE 1

To establish a relationship of friendship and cooperation between the City of Barcelona and Miami-Dade County, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit in conformity with the laws of the countries of the respective communities.

ARTICLE 2

To encourage cooperation and exchange expertise between Barcelona and Miami-Dade County; to enhance mutual understanding and interest in commercial relations and international trade; to promote cooperation between the port authorities and cruise ship management; and to encourage cooperation in smart cities, sustainable development and green technologies, biotechnology and biomedicine, education, research, entertainment, fashion, culture, tourism, and sports, among others.

ARTICLE 3

The International Relations offices of both institutions shall take responsibility in coordinating future cooperation efforts.

ARTICLE 4

This Agreement will take effect on the date of its signature and will be valid for three years. In order to extend the Agreement by an additional period of three years, either of the parties shall notify the other in writing of their wishes to renew it at least six months prior to the expiration date. Any modifications to this Agreement shall be made in writing and shall be agreed upon by both parties.

Both parties sign this Agreement in duplicate copies, in Catalan and English, both texts being equally authentic.

Therefore, by affixing our signatures on behalf of our respective communities, we declare Miami-Dade County, Florida and the City of Barcelona as Friendship Cities, on this 2nd day of April, 2014

Carlos A. Gimenez

Mayor

Miami-Dade County

Xavier Trias

Mayor

City of Barcelona

Javier D. Souto

Commissioner - District 10

Miami-Dade County

Jordi Cases

General Secretary/

Municipal Corporation of Barcelona