



**SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND
THE METROPOLIS OF AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE, FRANCE**

WHEREAS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LED A BUSINESS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT MISSION TO MARSEILLE IN 2015, FRANCE CONSISTING OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPANTS TO STRENGTHEN COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND CULTURAL TIES WITH MARSEILLE; AND

WHEREAS, THE METROPOLIS OF AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE, FRANCE BROUGHT A DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN NOVEMBER OF 2017 TO RENEW FRIENDSHIP TIES AND BROADEN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE METROPOLIS OF AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE ALSO DESIRE TO ENTER INTO A SISTER CITIES AFFILIATION; AND

WHEREAS, BOTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE METROPOLIS OF AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE WANT TO COOPERATE IN ORDER TO FURTHER EXPAND TRADE, TOURISM, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, BOTH COMMUNITIES BASE THEIR ECONOMY ON TRADE AND TOURISM, AND MEET THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE METROPOLIS OF AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE, HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREE TO:

- A) ESTABLISH A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE METROPOLIS OF AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE, FRANCE
- B) UNDERTAKE PROGRAMS THAT EXPAND ECONOMIC, TOURISM AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- C) ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF BEST PRACTICES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
- D) UNDERTAKE TRADE AND CULTURAL MISSIONS TO EACH COMMUNITY

IN WITNESS THEREOF WE HAVE AFFIXED OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT ON THIS DATE OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017 A.D.

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Miami-Dade County, Florida

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President,
Aix-Marseille-Provence, France

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Miami-Dade County Commission

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