



## SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND PARAMARIBO, SURINAME

**WHEREAS:** THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 7, 2017, PASSED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF PARAMARIBO ALSO DESIRE TO ENTER INTO A SISTER CITIES AFFILIATION; AND

**WHEREAS:** BOTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME WANT TO COOPERATE IN ORDER TO FURTHER EXPAND INDUSTRY AND TRADE TIES, TOURISM, HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, 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 DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME, HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREE TO:**

- A) ESTABLISH A SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME.
- B) UNDERTAKE AND SUPPORT COOPERATION PROGRAMS THAT EXPAND ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- C) ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF BEST PRACTICES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.
- D) UNDERTAKE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AND SUPPORT TRADE AND CULTURAL MISSIONS TO EACH COMMUNITY.

THIS SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT IS NON-BINDING AND ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM IT THAT INTRODUCE RECIPROCAL RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE DETAILED IN SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS.

IN WITNESS THEREOF WE HAVE AFFIXED OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT ON THIS DATE OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024.

DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA  
MAYOR  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WIDJAI RICARDO BHOLA  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
PARAMARIBO NORTH-EAST  
REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

OLIVER G. GILBERT, III  
Chairman  
MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS & INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE CONSORTIUM (ITC)

FULGENCE JAVINDE  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
PARAMARIBO SOUTH-WEST  
REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

RENE PIKA  
CONSUL GENERAL  
CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SURINAME IN MIAMI



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AND  
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CARLOS A. GIMENEZ  
MAYOR  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

AUDREY EDMONSON  
COMMISSIONER  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ  
COMMISSIONER  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MIKE NERKUST  
DISTRICT COMMISSARIS  
PARAMARIBO NOORD-OOST  
REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

MARSHA RENFURM  
CONSUL GENERAL  
CONSULATE GENERAL OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME IN  
MIAMI, FLORIDA