

**SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND THE
CITY OF PEREIRA, COLOMBIA**

WHEREAS, REPRESENTATIVES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF PEREIRA, COLOMBIA HAVE MET AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR PEOPLE; AND,

WHEREAS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA IS HOME TO MANY COLOMBIAN-AMERICANS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND,

WHEREAS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CITY PEREIRA ARE DESIROUS OF INSTITUTIONALIZING THEIR EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP; AND,

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEREIRA, COLOMBIA HAVE FORMALLY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE HONORABLE JOE MARTINEZ, MEMBER OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THE TIES THAT UNITE OUR PEOPLE;

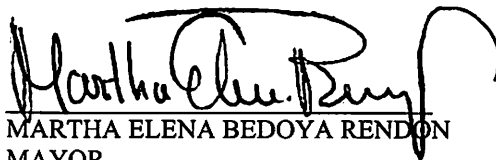
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE MAYOR OF PEREIRA, COLOMBIA DO HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREE TO:

- A) FORMALLY ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND PEREIRA COLOMBIA TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ECHANGE PROGRAMS, DEVELOP TOURISM, IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS, AND FOSTER BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PEOPLE AND THEIR CULTURE.
- B) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES THROUGH JOINT PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT OUR RESPECTIVE RESIDENTS.

IN WITNESS THEREOF WE HAVE AFFIXED OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2002, A.D.



ALEX PENELAS
MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA



MARTHA ELENA BEDOYA RENDON
MAYOR
PEREIRA, COLOMBIA



JOE A. MARTINEZ
COMMISSIONER
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(5)

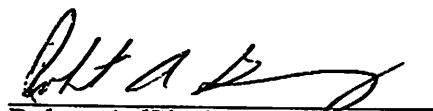
TO: Hon. Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 26, 2002

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing a Sister
City program between Miami-
Dade County and Pereira,
Colombia

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.


Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

RAG/bw



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" (Applicable if raised)
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of private business sector impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- "Sunset" provision required
- Legislative findings necessary

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(5)
3-26-02

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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-322-02

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY PROGRAM
BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF
PEREIRA, COLOMBIA**

WHEREAS, representatives of Miami-Dade County, Florida and the City of Pereira, Colombia have met and expressed a desire to establish a Sister City affiliation between the two governments and their people; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the new home of many of Pereira's sons and daughters, and the two governments base significant portions of their economies on tourism and conventions; the guidelines established in Resolution No. R-416-95 are therefore met; and

WHEREAS, both Miami-Dade County and Pereira, Colombia shall agree to cooperate in order to expand trade, commerce, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to establish an official Sister City affiliation between Miami-Dade County and the City of Pereira, Colombia,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

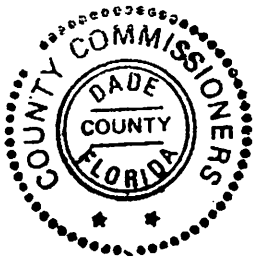
Section 1. This Board, on behalf of the Citizens of Miami-Dade County, Florida hereby establishes a Sister City affiliation with the government and the citizens of the City of Pereira, Colombia.

Section 2. A committee of private citizens shall be appointed and governed by the Miami-Dade County Sister Cities Program to carry out the objectives of fostering enhanced economic and social relations between the two governments and their people.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Gwen Margolis** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Miriam Alonso	absent	Bruno A. Barreiro	aye
Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler	aye	Betty T. Ferguson	absent
Gwen Margolis	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Jimmy L. Morales	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of March, 2002. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **KAY SULLIVAN**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Angelique Ortega