



Sister Cities Agreement between Miami-Dade County and San Pedro de Macoris Province

Whereas: the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners have expressed a desire to establish a cooperative relationship between their community and that of San Pedro de Macoris Province; and

Whereas: the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Mayor of San Pedro de Macoris Province have expressed a desire to enter into a sister cities agreement; and

Whereas: both Miami-Dade County and San Pedro de Macoris Province want to cooperate in order to further expand trade, tourism, cultural and economic opportunities among the cities; and

Whereas: both communities share common goals, and meet the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County and San Pedro de Macoris Province to enter into a sister cities agreement; and

Whereas: the Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman of Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and International Trade Consortium, and the Honorable Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner of Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners have worked diligently to develop and strengthen the ties between the two communities.

Now Therefore: be it resolved that the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida, United States of America, and the Mayor of San Pedro de Macoris Province, Dominican Republic hereby mutually agree to:

- A) Establish a sister cities agreement between Miami-Dade County and San Pedro de Macoris Province.
- B) Undertake programs that expand trade, tourism, cultural, economic and educational opportunities, and promote sports diplomacy.
- C) Engage in an exchange program of best practices between the two Governments.
- D) Undertake and support trade missions to each region.

IN WITNESS THEREOF we have affixed our signatures to this Sister Cities Agreement on this date of July 26, 2022, A.D.

Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor
Miami-Dade County

Raymundo Rafael Ortiz Diaz
Mayor
City of San Pedro de Macoris

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County & ITC Chair

Maria Yolanda Jacobo Rivans
Vice Mayor
City of San Pedro de Macoris

Joe A. Martinez
Commissioner
Miami-Dade County
District 11

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to negotiate and, to the extent possible, execute a Sister City Agreement with San Pedro de Macoris Province, Dominican Republic; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report to this Board

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees 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 social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)
1-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, EXECUTE A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS PROVINCE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "County") has long established affiliations and partnerships with other cities throughout the world in the form of cooperative relationships through which cultural, educational, business, and technical exchanges take place; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is an international nonprofit organization created during President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1956 White House summit on citizen diplomacy to encourage and foster bonds between people from different communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International recommends formalizing a sister cities relationship through execution of a memorandum of understanding between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Miami-Dade Sister Cities Program (the "Program") was founded by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Program has established sister cities relationships with 30 cities throughout the world, developing innovative projects, furthering international cooperation and understanding between the County and our respective sister cities, and helping promote the County's position as the Gateway to the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in light of the great benefits brought by sister cities relationships, the County would like to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate, and to the extent possible, execute a Sister City Agreement with San Pedro de Macoris Province, Dominican Republic,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to negotiate, and to the extent possible, execute a Sister City Agreement with San Pedro de Macoris Province, Dominican Republic.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide a report to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding the status of the negotiation and execution of the agreement in section 1 above, and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board of County Commissioners, without committee review, pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of January, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



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