

Memorandum



Date: April 24, 2007

Agenda Item No. 10(F)(1)(A)

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

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Subject: Resolution Establishing a Sister Cities Affiliation Agreement Between Miami-Dade County and the Department of Guatemala

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize a Sister Cities affiliation between Miami-Dade County and the Department of Guatemala, Republic of Guatemala.

SCOPE

The purpose of Sister Cities agreements is to promote relations between Miami-Dade County and other communities around the world through cultural and educational exchanges, tourism, trade, and commerce.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The program is responsible for raising the necessary funds through donations or in-kind services to carry out the projects the Council decides to undertake.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

This agreement does not require that the County enter into contract with any other entity or person.

BACKGROUND

The Miami-Dade County Coordinating Council, at its regular meeting of January 11, 2007, unanimously voted to recommend to the Board the affiliation agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Department of Guatemala, Republic of Guatemala. The Committee to Explore Sister Cities Relationships reviewed a comprehensive presentation by the Guatemalan Trade Office in Miami, and representatives of the government of the Department of Guatemala, then recommended to the Coordinating Council the approval of a Sister Cities affiliation between the two communities. The Republic of Guatemala is Miami-Dade County's eighth trading partner. Both communities are similar in population, and base their economy in trade and tourism. The Council made their recommendation after a thorough evaluation, and concluding that the Department of Guatemala meets the requirements of Resolution R-416-95 for creating a Sister Cities affiliation with Miami-Dade County.

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Alina Tejeda-Hudak
Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(F)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY
AFFILIATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GUATEMALA, A
PROVINCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA

WHEREAS, representatives of the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC) of Miami-Dade County, Florida and representatives of the Guatemalan Trade Office in this community have met and expressed a desire to establish a Sister City affiliation between the two governments and their people; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Guatemala is Miami-Dade County's eighth-largest trading partner; and

WHEREAS, the officials of the Department of Guatemala, a province of the Republic of Guatemala, have expressed a desire for affiliation; and

WHEREAS, both communities are similar in population, base their economy on trade and tourism, and meet the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County, and Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, both Miami Dade County and the Department of Guatemala want to cooperate to further expand trade, commerce, tourism, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities Coordinating Council has recommended this affiliation after a thorough evaluation; and

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

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

Section 1. This Board, on behalf of the citizens of Miami-Dade County, Florida wishes to establish a Sister City affiliation with the government and the people of the Department of Guatemala.

Section 2. A private citizen shall, upon the execution of an agreement between the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Governor of the Department of Guatemala shall be appointed by the Mayor to assist the Sister Cities Coordinating Council in coordinating projects to increase and promote trade, culture, tourism, and educational opportunities between these two communities.

The foregoing resolution 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 2007. 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eric A. Rodriguez