

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

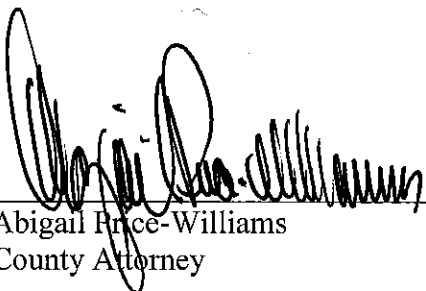
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 7, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the establishment of a sister cities affiliation between Miami-Dade County and the City of Paramaribo, Suriname; and authorizing the Mayor to execute an affiliation agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Paramaribo, Suriname

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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 _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-7-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITIES AFFILIATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME

WHEREAS, representatives of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and representatives of the City of Paramaribo, Suriname, have expressed a desire to establish a Sister City affiliation between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, a Sister Cities relationship is a long-term cooperative relationship between two cities in different countries through which cultural, educational, business, and technical exchanges take place; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International, an international non-profit organization, recommends formalizing a Sister Cities relationship through execution of a memorandum of understanding between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Sister Cities Program was founded in 1981 and has established Sister Cities relationships with 26 cities in South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and Asia; and

WHEREAS, trade and tourism are a significant portion of the economy of both communities; and

WHEREAS, the affiliation of both communities meets the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County and Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, both Miami-Dade County and Paramaribo, Suriname wish to cooperate in order to further expand trade, tourism, cultural and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, government officials in Suriname wish to explore the possibility of opening trade offices in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, both communities are gateways to other regions; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Sister Cities Committee has recommended this affiliation,

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

Section 1. Supports the establishment of a Sister City affiliation with Paramaribo, Suriname.

Section 2. Authorizes the Mayor to execute a Sister Cities affiliation agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Paramaribo, Suriname, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Section 3. Upon the execution of an affiliation agreement by the Mayor and the City of Paramaribo, the Miami-Dade County Sister Cities Committee shall coordinate projects to increase and promote trade, culture, tourism, and educational opportunities between these two communities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. 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:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

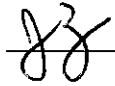
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by 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.



Javier Zapata

**SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND
THE DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME**

- WHEREAS,** THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON _____ PASSED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE PARAMARIBO DISTRICT COUNCIL ON _____ PASSED A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A SISTER CITIES AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR 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 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAME, HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREE TO:

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

IN WITNESS THEREOF WE HAVE AFFIXED OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT ON THIS DATE OF _____.

CARLOS GIMENEZ
MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

JERRY MIRANDA
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT OF PARAMARIBO, NORTH EAST
REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

H.E. NIERMALA BADRISING
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

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