

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

**DATE:** July 8, 2021

**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 Viareggio, Italy; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report to this Board

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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7-8-21

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 VIAREGGIO, ITALY; 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 approximately 25 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 Viareggio, Italy,

**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 Viareggio, Italy.

**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 and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. 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:

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| 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021. 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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