

## **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

Resolution No. R-60-22

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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Pl	ease note any items checked.		
	"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if 1	raised	
	6 weeks required between first reading and	public hearin	g
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials r hearing	equired prior	to public
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditur	es without bal	ancing budget
	Budget required		
	Statement of fiscal impact required		
	Statement of social equity required		
	Ordinance creating a new board requires d report for public hearing	letailed County	y Mayor's
	No committee review		
	Applicable legislation requires more than a present, 2/3 membership, 3/5's _ 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) to a	, unanimou (c), CDM _, or CDMP 9 pprove	IS, CDMP IP 2/3 vote vote
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balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)
Veto		1-19-22
Override		

RESOLUTION NO. R-60-22
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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 Joe A. Martinez , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

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The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**Melissa Adames** 

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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