

RESOLUTION No. 22-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIGUEY, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND INVITING THE CITIZENS OF BOTH CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL, DIPLOMATIC, EDUCATIONAL AND BILATERAL TRADE ACTIVITIES IN THE HOPE THAT SAID COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL LEAD TO A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF DORAL AND HIGUEY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International (“Sister Cities”) is non-profit citizen diplomacy network that fosters programs that create relationships between municipalities in the United States and international communities, for the exchange of cultural, educational, business, and other information for the mutual benefit of the linked communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral supports the mission of Sister Cities, has participated in the forming of these relationships, and expects to continue to do so in the future through the Doral Sister Cities Program; and

WHEREAS, City of Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez received a Letter of Intent expressing the Mayor of Higuey’s interest in pursuing a Sister Cities relationship which was delivered by City of Doral Vice Mayor, a native of the Dominican Republic, on March 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Doral Sister Cities Committee appointed by Mayor Bermudez met on May 5, 2022 and recommended approval of the Sister Cities agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral and the City of Higuey, Dominican Republic, seek to develop a Sister City relationship and formalize the links of friendship between the two cities in order to encourage communication and camaraderie, promote cultural

interaction and stimulate economic benefits to both cities; and

WHEREAS, Higuey and Doral are both major international hubs for business and culture, renowned for their robust economies, their cultural richness, commitment to education and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral is home to many Dominican families and businesses and is linked to Higuey through commerce, culture, education, tourism, and family ties, facilitated by frequent flights that connect the two cities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to invite the citizens of both cities to participate in cultural, diplomatic, educational and trade activities in the hope of creating a lasting friendship between the people of Doral and Higuey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that this relationship will advance economic development and quality of life and otherwise be in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The Mayor and City Council, on behalf of the City of Doral, hereby extends an invitation to the government and people of the City of Higuey, Dominican Republic to establish and participate in an active Sister City relationship and corresponding cooperative activities for the purpose of stimulating greater trade relations and encouraging increased exchanges in the areas of art, culture, education and municipal cooperation.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby

authorized to take such additional action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provision of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Mariaca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabrera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Digna Cabral | Absent / Excused |
| Councilman Pete Cabrera | Yes |
| Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca | Yes |
| Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve | Yes |

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of June, 2022.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY