

RESOLUTION No. 16-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA 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 BARRANQUILLA; 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 (the “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, the City of Doral and the City of Barranquilla, Colombia, 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, Barranquilla 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, Doral is home to many Colombian families and businesses and is linked to Barranquilla through commerce, culture, education, tourism, trade, and family

connections, facilitated by the frequent flights that connect the two cities; and

WHEREAS, in June 2015, a letter of intent approved by the Doral City Council was signed by the Mayors of both cities, declaring a mutual interest in pursuing the establishment of a formal Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to invite and encourage the citizens of both cities to participate in cultural, diplomatic, educational and bilateral trade activities in the hope of creating a lasting friendship between the people of Doral and Barranquilla; 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 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 Sister Cities Agreement by and between City of Doral and the City of Barranquilla, Colombia, in substantially the form provided in Exhibit "A", which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference, is hereby approved, with the intention of establishing and participating 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 immediately upon its adoption.

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

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2 day of March, 2016.



LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE
OF THE CITY OF DORAL



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE, & BIERMAN, PL
CITY ATTORNEY