

**RESOLUTION No. 16-214**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA 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 GUATEMALA CITY; 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**, the City of Doral and the City of Guatemala City, Guatemala, 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**, Guatemala City 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 Guatemalan families and businesses and is linked to Guatemala City through commerce, culture, education,

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

**WHEREAS**, in January 2016, the Doral City Council approved a Letter of Intent which was delivered to the Mayor of Guatemala City; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2016, the City of Doral received a draft Sister City agreement from the Mayor of Guatemala City formalizing the terms for the establishment of a Sister City relationship between Doral and Guatemala City; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2016, the City of Doral hosted a reception by the Consulate General of Guatemala and the Guatemala Trade and Investment Office, attended by the Minister of Economy of Guatemala; 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 Guatemala City; and

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

**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 Mayor and City Council, on behalf of the City of Doral, hereby extends an invitation to the government and people of the City of Guatemala City, Guatemala 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 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

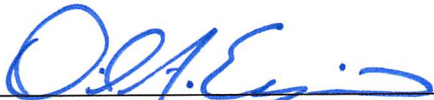
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of October, 2016.

  
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LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CONNIE DIAZ, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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

  
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WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMANN, P.L.  
CITY ATTORNEY