

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3248

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL, INFORMATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A SISTER CITIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside (the "Town" or "Surfside") desires to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Hialeah, Florida ("Hialeah"), in order to promote educational, informational, cultural, and economic exchange between the Town and Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to broaden its horizons by entering into a sister city agreement with the vibrant Hialeah, a dynamic community located west of Surfside, boasting a rich tapestry of cultures, exemplifying unity in diversity; and

WHEREAS, Hialeah's lively neighborhoods and diverse population, predominantly Hispanic and Cuban, offer a captivating blend of experiences; and

WHEREAS, the warmth and hospitality of Hialeah's residents, coupled with their strong sense of community, make them ideal partners for the Town in this cultural endeavor; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of uniting the people of the Town and Hialeah in a spirit of cultural enrichment and community engagement, creating lasting connections, promoting friendship and shared experiences that transcend geographic boundaries, the Town Commission wishes to establish a sister city relationship to promote educational, informational, cultural and economic exchanges, as well as municipal cooperation between the two cities, including the following initiatives:

- (a) Establish a Memorandum of Understanding between the Surfside and Hialeah Police Departments for mutual aid and support;
- (b) Establish an agreement between Surfside and Hialeah Police Departments to share training resources;
- (c) Support and promote combined Senior Citizen field trips;
- (d) Donation of computers by Surfside to local schools in Hialeah;

- (e) Donation of a Turtle statue painted by students consistent with Surfside's branding to Hialeah;
 - (f) Donation of Flamingo Statue by Hialeah to Surfside;
 - (g) Completing new small park near Biscayne Bay and naming the new park "Flamingo Garden" in recognition and in celebration of Surfside's sister city initiative with the City of Hialeah; and
 - (h) Town sponsored educational field trips for students from Hialeah Schools to Surfside for hands-on education of environmental and sustainability studies (dune project, beaches, turtle nests, etc.)
- (collectively, the "Initiatives"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission further wishes to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into a Sister Cities Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Hialeah for the purposes of developing a Sister City relationship between the Town and Hialeah and implementing the Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Hialeah and this Resolution are in the best interest and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Establishment of Sister City. The Town Commission hereby establishes a sister city relationship with Hialeah, as a sister city to the Town, to promote educational, informational, cultural and economic exchanges, including the Initiatives.

Section 3. Authorization for MOU. The Town Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into an MOU with Hialeah on behalf of the Town, subject to the approval as to form, substance and legal sufficiency by the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

Section 4. Implementation. That the Town Manager and Town Officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions which are necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2024.

Motion By: Commissioner Landsman
Second By: Vice Mayor Rose

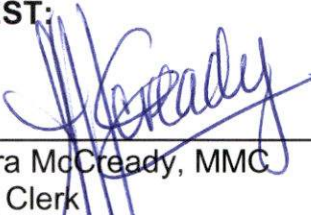
FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meisheid	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor


ATTEST:



Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney