

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3358

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ABOLISHING ALL SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE REGION OF CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO (RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3319), THE CITY OF HIALEAH (RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3248), AND THE REGION OF SHOMRON, ISRAEL (RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2924); PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside (the "Town") desires to abolish its sister city relationships with the Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico (Resolution No.2024-3319), the City of Hialeah (Resolution No. 2024-3248), and the Region of Shomron, Israel (Resolution No. 2022-2924), as sister cities to the Town; and

WHEREAS, these sister cities were not established pursuant to Sister Cities International ("Organization"), as now required by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Organization has many qualifications to be considered before establishing a sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that the six-step process established by the Organization was not followed, including identifying potential partners, researching and evaluating potential cities, building local support and forming a local committee, initiating contact and establishing communication, negotiating and drafting a formal agreement and signing the agreement and launching exchange programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to abolish the Town's prior sister city relationships and join the Organization to establish a sister city following a standard protocol.

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

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

Section 2. Establishment of Sister City. The Town Commission hereby abolishes the Town's sister city relationships with Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico; the City of Hialeah; and the Region of Shomron, Israel. Any sister city relationships with the Town shall be pursuant to a partnership agreement in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Organization.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Mayor and Town Officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions, which are necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 3. Expenditure of Funds. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to expend funds not to exceed \$500, the cost to join the Organization, to implement the purposes of this Resolution, *nunc pro tunc* to December 10, 2024.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption *nunc pro tunc* to December 10, 2024.

[INTENTIONALLY OMITTED]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2025.

Motion By: Commissioner Vildostegui

Second By: Commissioner Velasquez

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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| Commissioner Ruben A. Coto | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Nelly Velasquez | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui | <u>Yes</u> |
| Vice Mayor Tina Paul | <u>Yes</u> |
| Mayor Charles W. Burkett | <u>Yes</u> |

Charles W. Burkett, Mayor


ATTEST:



Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



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



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