

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, REINSTATING THE CITY OF QUITO, ECUADOR AS A SISTER CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

WHEREAS, the Sister City relationship between Quito, Ecuador and Coral Gables, FL dates back to 1976 and Quito was the second City, only after Cartagena, Colombia to form this important bond with Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 due to a chilling of the relationship between Coral Gables and Quito, Quito was downgraded to "Emeritus" status by Resolution No. 2011-213 of the City Commission of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, due to increased communications from Quito, renewed interest from the Quito government, plans for a delegation visit in the near future, and the support of Mayor Valdes-Fauli, the relationship between Quito and Coral Gables has been reinvigorated; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, on May 29, 2019, the International Affairs Coordinating Council voted unanimously to reinstate Quito as a Sister City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, common ties of mutual interest exist between Quito, Ecuador and the City of Coral Gables in the areas of education, arts and culture, economic development, public services, tourism, and trade, which justify the mutual establishment of a Sister City relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida hereby designates the City of Quito, Ecuador as a Sister City of Coral Gables and authorizes the International Affairs Coordinating Council to proceed with organizing the official documentation and/or ceremonies necessary to ratify the Sister City relationship.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2019.