



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 11, 2019

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, reinstating the City of Quito, Ecuador as a Sister City of Coral Gables.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The relationship between Quito, Ecuador and Coral Gables, FL dates back to 1976, when Quito became the second City, only after Cartagena, Colombia, to form the Sister City bond with Coral Gables.

By 2011, the once close relationship between Coral Gables and Quito had chilled and the City Commission of Coral Gables downgraded Quito to “Emeritus” status by Resolution No. 2011-213.

Recently, however, 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. For these reasons, on May 29, 2019, the International Affairs Coordinating Council voted unanimously to reinstate Quito as a Sister City of Coral Gables.

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.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**