

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COUNCIL (IACC), THAT QUITO, ECUADOR, BECOME A SISTER CITY EMERITUS.

WHEREAS, the Sister City relationship between Quito, Ecuador and Coral Gables, Florida was established in 1976; and

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

WHEREAS, after several years of no communication, there was renewed interest in restoring a Sister Cities relationship; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2019, the City Commission voted unanimously to reinstate Quito as a Sister City (5-0 vote); and

WHEREAS, in recent years, despite the IACC's numerous attempts to connect with the government of Quito, which included getting assistance from the Trade Commission of Ecuador, there has been a lack of communication and interest from the government; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Vince Lago sent a formal letter to Mayor Pabel Munoz Lopez of Quito dated June 26, 2024 and there has been no response; and

WHEREAS, as a result, on January 21, 2025, the IACC members voted unanimously (4-0 vote) to place Quito, Ecuador in an Emeritus status.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission does hereby accept the recommendation of the International Affairs Coordinating Council that said Sister City be designated a Sister City Emeritus.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA SUAREZ
CITY ATTORNEY