



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 8, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

RESOLUTION. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, designating the City of Venice, Italy as a “Sister City” of the City of Coral Gables, Florida.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Much like the City of Coral Gables, the City of Venice is a historic yet progressive and prosperous city. The shared values and interests between the Cities of Venice and Coral Gables have sparked a mutual desire to enter into a Sister City relationship for the purpose of furthering knowledge and cooperation with regards to each other’s culture, art, sports, customs, tourism, technology, and city administration.

The International Affairs Coordinating Council discussed the possibility of developing a Sister City relationship with Venice on November 25, 2019 and December 17, 2019, however, due to the severe flood events in Venice, the timing was not right to establish the relationship. Furthermore, on June 3, 2020, Mayor Valdes-Fauli sent a letter to the administration of Venice, inviting them to consider a collaborative relationship with the City of Coral Gables, and expanding on the many common attributes the cities share. Both are centers of culture, history, and education, and both have many miles of waterfront property.

Common ties of mutual interest exist between the City of Venice, Italy and the City of Coral Gables, Florida, which justify the mutual establishment of a Sister City relationship.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**