



# SISTER CITIES AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VENICE, ITALY, AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Whereas, the parties are historic and yet progressive and prosperous cities with much in common, each with the possibility to learn and benefit from the other through new information and experiences.

Whereas, relations between Italy and the United States of America are greatly valued and are well appreciated insofar as knowledge, lifestyle and culture. Both cities promote friendship, the knowledge that economic development and education are the cornerstones of prosperity and serve to increment trade and interchange between the two cities for the benefit of their communities.

Whereas, the City of Venice, Italy, shall be the agency responsible for the relationship of the Sister Cities and the City of Coral Gables, Florida, United States of America, with headquarters at the Coral Gables City Hall located at 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL 33134, shall be the agency responsible for the relationship between the Sister Cities.

Therefore, they have agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

The objective of this Sister Cities Agreement is to promote better reciprocal knowledge between the cities of Venice, Italy, and Coral Gables, Florida, with the goal of encouraging exchanges, friendship and greater knowledge and understanding among its peoples.

#### ARTICLE II

In order to attain the objectives, set forth in the preceding article, the Sister Cities of Venice, and Coral Gables, Florida, shall specifically promote the following:

- a) Greater understanding through exchanges between both cities and their citizens.
- b) Cooperation with regards to gaining knowledge about each other's culture, art, sports and customs.

#### ARTICLE III

With regards to the goals of greater understanding and knowledge between the two cities and their people, they agree to devote special attention to the following:

- a) Stimulate cooperation in the areas of tourism, cultural exchanges, visual arts, business development, architecture, sports with a particular emphasis on promotion of soccer and youth exchanges including the public and private sectors, and more.
- b) Exchange information and programs and, in particular, the common problems of global warming and rising level of the ocean.
- c) Motivate cooperation in the areas of technology, culinary arts, impact of climate change, risk prevention, security and other areas.





- d) Promote cooperation agreements between universities, learning institutions and scientific research centers and sports academies, including Venezia FC (Italy) and Venice Soccer Academy (Coral Gables, FL).
- e) Organize seminars and encounters between liberal arts schools and other cultural, art and sports institutions.
- f) Organize at least one annual cultural and product exchange week in both locations to bring products, art, sport-related activities, culture, visual art and more in order to promote reciprocal knowledge, awareness and investments.

## ARTICLE IV

In the areas of art and culture, the parties shall strive to:

- a) Exchange information regarding art programs, festivals, etc.
- b) Promote the culture of the United States of America in Venice, Italy, and the culture of Venice, Italy, in Coral Gables, Florida.
- c) Exchange information regarding sport programs, in particular reciprocal visits of soccer players, coaches, staff to the sister cities academies.

#### ARTICLE V

In the areas of security and technology, the parties shall strive to:

- a) Promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences in matters of security and risk prevention, innovation and technological advances.
- b) Generate cooperation through technical assistance to stimulate improvement in the security services offered by both cities.
- c) Encourage learning about the technology tools used by both municipalities for the sake of knowledge and mutual development.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

Regarding the exchange of experience and the specialized administration of both cities, Venice and Coral Gables shall carry out the following actions:

- a) Strengthen reciprocal exchange of information and visits by groups.
- b) Assist in resolving problems that may arise between the sister cities or problems that may affect the good relationship between Italy and the United States.
- c) Strengthen and promote growth between both cities, uphold the agreement and trade between Venice and Coral Gables.

#### ARTICLE VII

Specific details and programs herein shall be established by mutual consent within the required timeframe.





### ARTICLE VIII

Venice, Italy, and Coral Gables, Florida, must value and uphold cooperation between organizations, associations and social groups that contribute to the goals and objectives of the Sister Cities Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The duration of this agreement shall be for an indefinite period of time. Either party may cancel this agreement in writing 90 days in advance.

In Venice, the Sister Cities committee which shall be located at \_\_\_\_\_\_ shall be the agency responsible for the relationship with Coral Gables, Florida.

In Coral Gables, Florida, the Coral Gables City Hall located at 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL 33134, shall be the agency responsible for the relationship with Venice.

Two original counterparts hereof are signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_, two thousand twenty, both texts being equally authentic, based on respect and trust.

FOR THE CITY OF VENICE:

FOR THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

LUIGI BRUGNARO MAYOR OF VENICE

RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI MAYOR OF CORAL GABLES