

## **CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-191**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF VENICE, ITALY AS A “SISTER CITY” OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AND APPROVING THE SISTER CITY AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM.

**WHEREAS**, like the City of Coral Gables, the City of Venice is a historic and yet progressive and prosperous city; and

**WHEREAS**, the shared values and interest 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2020, following positive dialogue between representatives of the cities, the International Affairs Coordinating Council voted unanimously to recommend the designation of Venice as a Sister City; and

**WHEREAS**, common ties of mutual interest exist between the City of Venice 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the benefits flowing from the exchange of the above interests, the cultures now reflected within the society of Coral Gables will be enhanced as a result of the herein proposed designation of Venice, Italy as a Sister City of Coral Gables; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2020, the City Commission approved the Sister City Agreement between Venice and Coral Gables in substantially the attached form.;

**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 Venice, Italy 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.** The City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, FL hereby approves the Sister City Agreement between the City of Venice and the City of Coral Gables in substantially

the attached form, provided however that the City Manager and City Attorney may make such modifications as to form that are necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2020.

(Moved: Lago/ Seconded: Mena)

(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Keon, Lago, Mena, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: C-1)

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY