

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Chief of Staff *NCW*

Date: October 25, 2016

RE: **SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION WITH ARCAHAIE, HAITI**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectuate said Sister Cities International relationship between the city of North Miami and Arcahaie, Haiti.

BACKGROUND

The Sister City Program is administered by Sister Cities International (SCI) and was initiated to encourage greater friendship and understanding between cities located within the United States and other national cities through direct contact. SCI strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, encourage cultural understanding and stimulate economic development. Common ties of mutual interests exist between the City of Arcahaie, Haiti and the City of North Miami. The exchange of said interests and cultures by the mutual establishment of a Sister City relationship will enhance both cities. Under this program, both cities would commit to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, arts, cultures, education, sports, and tourism.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING A “SISTER CITY” AFFILIATION WITH THE CITY OF ARCAHAIE, HAITI THROUGH THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE SAID “SISTER CITY” AFFILIATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Sister City Program (“Program”) is administered by Sister Cities International (“SCI”) and was initiated to encourage greater friendship and understanding between cities located within the United States and other national cities through direct contact; and

WHEREAS, the Program strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, encourage cultural understanding and stimulate economic development; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Program promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation through the philosophy of one individual, one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, common ties of mutual interests exist between the City of Arcahaie, Haiti and the City of North Miami (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the exchange of said interests and cultures by the mutual establishment of a “Sister City” relationship with Arcahaie, Haiti, will enhance the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, under the “Sister City” relationship, both cities commit to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, arts, culture, education, sports, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find the establishment of a “Sister City” affiliation with Arcahaie, Haiti, to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Approval of “Sister City” Affiliation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby approve the establishment of a “Sister City” affiliation with the City of Arcahaie, Haiti.

Section 2. Authority of City Manager. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectuate said “Sister City” affiliation.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.

_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
_____ (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

_____ (Yes) _____ (No)