

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-108

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

WHEREAS, the Sister City Program (“Program”) is administered by Sister Cities International (“SCI”) and was initiated in 1956 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 one individual, one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, common ties of mutual interests exist between the City of Banjul, Gambia, 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 City of Banjul, Gambia, 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.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find the establishment of a “Sister City” affiliation with City of Banjul, Gambia, 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 Banjul, Gambia.


Section 2. **Authority of City Manager and City Attorney.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and 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 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 27th day of June, 2023.



ALIX DESULME, Ed.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

 X (Yes) (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

 X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

 X (Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

 X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles

 X (Yes) (No)