

RESOLUTION No. 16-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ARMENIA, COLOMBIA AND INVITING THE CITIZENS OF BOTH CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL, DIPLOMATIC, EDUCATIONAL AND BILATERAL TRADE ACTIVITIES IN THE HOPE THAT SAID COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL LEAD TO A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF DORAL AND ARMENIA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International (“Sister Cities”) is non-profit citizen diplomacy network that fosters programs that create relationships between municipalities in the United States and international communities, for the exchange of cultural, educational, business, and other information for the mutual benefit of the linked communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral supports the mission of Sister Cities, has participated in the forming of these relationships, and expects to continue to do so in the future through the “Doral Sister Cities Program”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral and the City of Armenia, Colombia, seek to develop a Sister City relationship and formalize the links of friendship between the two cities in order to encourage communication and camaraderie, promote cultural interaction and stimulate economic benefits to both cities; and

WHEREAS, Armenia and Doral are both major international hubs for business and culture, renowned for their robust economies, their cultural richness, commitment to education and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral is home to many Colombian families and businesses and is linked to Armenia through commerce, culture, education, tourism, trade, and family

connections, facilitated by the frequent flights that connect the two cities; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014, the Doral City Council directed staff to proceed with the coordination of a draft Sister Cities agreement with Armenia; and

WHEREAS, in August 2016, the Mayor of Armenia visited Doral to finalize the terms for the establishment of a formal Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to invite and encourage the citizens of both cities to participate in cultural, diplomatic, educational and bilateral trade activities in the hope of creating a lasting friendship between the people of Doral and Armenia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that this relationship will advance economic development and quality of life and otherwise be in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The Mayor and City Council, on behalf of the City of Doral, hereby extends an invitation to the government and people of the City of Armenia, Colombia to establish and participate in an active Sister City relationship and corresponding cooperative activities for the purpose of stimulating greater trade relations and encouraging increased exchanges in the areas of art, culture, education and municipal cooperation.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such additional action as may be necessary to implement the purpose

and provision of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Cabrera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of September, 2016.



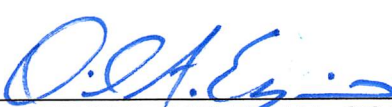
LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CMS
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY